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U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN OLVER (D-Amherst) began his visit to Agawam on Tuesday, January 14th, by serving lunch to senior citizens at the Agawam Senior Center. Olver is being shown the ropes by Senior Center kitchen staff member Betty Couture. STORY AND PHOTOS ON PAGES 2 & 4. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Elderly Assist With Census Taking



SENIOR CITIZENS AT THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER on January 14th helped the Town Clerk's Office stuff census envelopes that were mailed earlier this week to town residents. Pictured around the table are Elearnio Funai, Mary Gannuscio, Catherine Farquhar, Gladys Francazio, Janice Schermerhorn, and Marion Albano. RELATED PHOTO AND STORY INSIDE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Olver Starts At Senior Ctr; Ends At Health Hearing

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

On Tuesday afternoon, January 14th, U.S. Representative John Olver (D-First District) spent lunchtime serving a nutritious meal at the Agawam Senior Center.

That evening, he conducted a forum on National Health Care with approximately 200 people in attendance at the Agawam Middle School auditorium.

At the town forum, Olver stated, "If we all got together and talked about health care and how to cover health insurance for all our citizens, we would never come up with the system we presently have."

He said about 35 million Americans (or 15 percent of the population) do not have health care at all. Of the two public health plans (Medicare for the elderly, and Medicaid for the poor), only between 22 to 25 percent of the population is cared for.

"We also have 1,500 insurers with thousands of different kinds of insurance plans which cover the remaining 60 percent or so of the population," the liberal Congressman noted. He said that many of these policies covered employees and their families from insurance through employers.

He added that in 1991, expenditures on health care were over \$750 billion—"the highest expenditure of any nation per capita in the world," Olver noted.

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Superintendent Search Aired School Comm. Wants To Reopen Lawyer's Contract

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Procedure for the new superintendent's search and an invitation to the School Committee's longtime legal counsel, John Teahan of Agawam, for executive session during the February 11th meeting, were discussed during a special meeting of the School Committee Tuesday evening.

Mayor Christopher Johnson, the new School Committee chairman, said he had four proposed questions to the board regarding the superintendent's search.

Those questions were: "Should the School Committee utilize an outside company to assist and conduct the search; if yes, what specifically should be included in a request for proposals to insure all prospective vendors submit equivalent proposals; what is the proposed timetable for conducting the search; and what levels will be set, and how many candidates at each specific level (e.g., semifinalists, finalists)."

The board approved a three-member subcommittee to organize a timeframe and set up proposals regarding quotations from outside consultants. They will report back to the School Committee for approval.

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Olver said this was 13 percent of the U.S. GNP (Gross National Product) [while most other countries were at nine percent of all goods and services produced in the country going to health care].

"Our infant mortality rate is the highest of the 20 to 25 industrialized nations. At the other end of the scale, we have a life expectancy somewhere in the middle of the field.

"That's what our present (health) plan has given us," said Olver.

The Congressman noted that Americans pay for health care in several different ways. He said, "We pay immediate out-of-pocket costs; pre-paid premiums at the beginning of the year; and we pay in taxes for the public plans for the elderly and poor.

"If we are working for a government or private company, we again pay out-of-pocket because they are not providing as high salary (due to their increased costs for insurance)."

Olver showed charts indicating that in 1990, almost \$2,600 per person (man, woman, and child) was spent on health care in the United States. "This is more than double the cost in 1980, and the costs are going up 2½ to three times the inflation rate," Olver noted.

He felt the "genesis" of the health care "crisis" was due to the three-year recession in Massachusetts and a stagnant economy around the country.

"Income has not gone up with the rising health care costs, which is taking a larger portion of our income, and businesses that do provide health care are paying 11 percent of their payroll for insurance," he said.

Olver criticizes Medicare for not covering long-term care needs for the elderly (about 12 to 13 percent of our population), and Medicaid which covers about 10 percent of the population and only a portion living below the poverty line.

"Medicaid needs a more comprehensive plan. There are a lot of holes in the system," Olver stated.

He said the 15 percent not covered by any insurance included many young families that "take risks or chances and then go to high-cost emergency rooms rather than use preventative care.

"I believe these statistics demand some kind of action soon," Olver said.



U.S. REPRESENTATIVE JOHN OLVER (D-Amherst) serves lunch to senior citizen William Case at the Agawam Senior Citizen on January 14th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The audience was invited to speak, and Loren Montagna of Agawam said he worried that Olver's position regarding costs to businesses would affect workman's compensation.

Olver said that most countries had a "cost containment built into their system so that the rise of rates for insurance coincided with the economical growth to keep it affordable to people's ability to pay."

Montagna responded, "What about a government regulation to limit the amount of mark-up to charge for medications and facilities to keep insurance rates down?"

Olver agreed that the mark-up was a contributing factor, saying, "You have identified one of the major features to be addressed."

Mark Haymes, Plant Manager of Standard Uniform Services in Agawam, defended small businesses, saying, "Ninety-nine percent of businesses in this country are considered small business, and 45 percent of the GNP is generated by these businesses.

"If politicians really want to help, they would enact those proposals already on the table that have brought support among business and both the Democrats and Republicans in Congress. These are immediate solutions to make our American health care system work the way it should."

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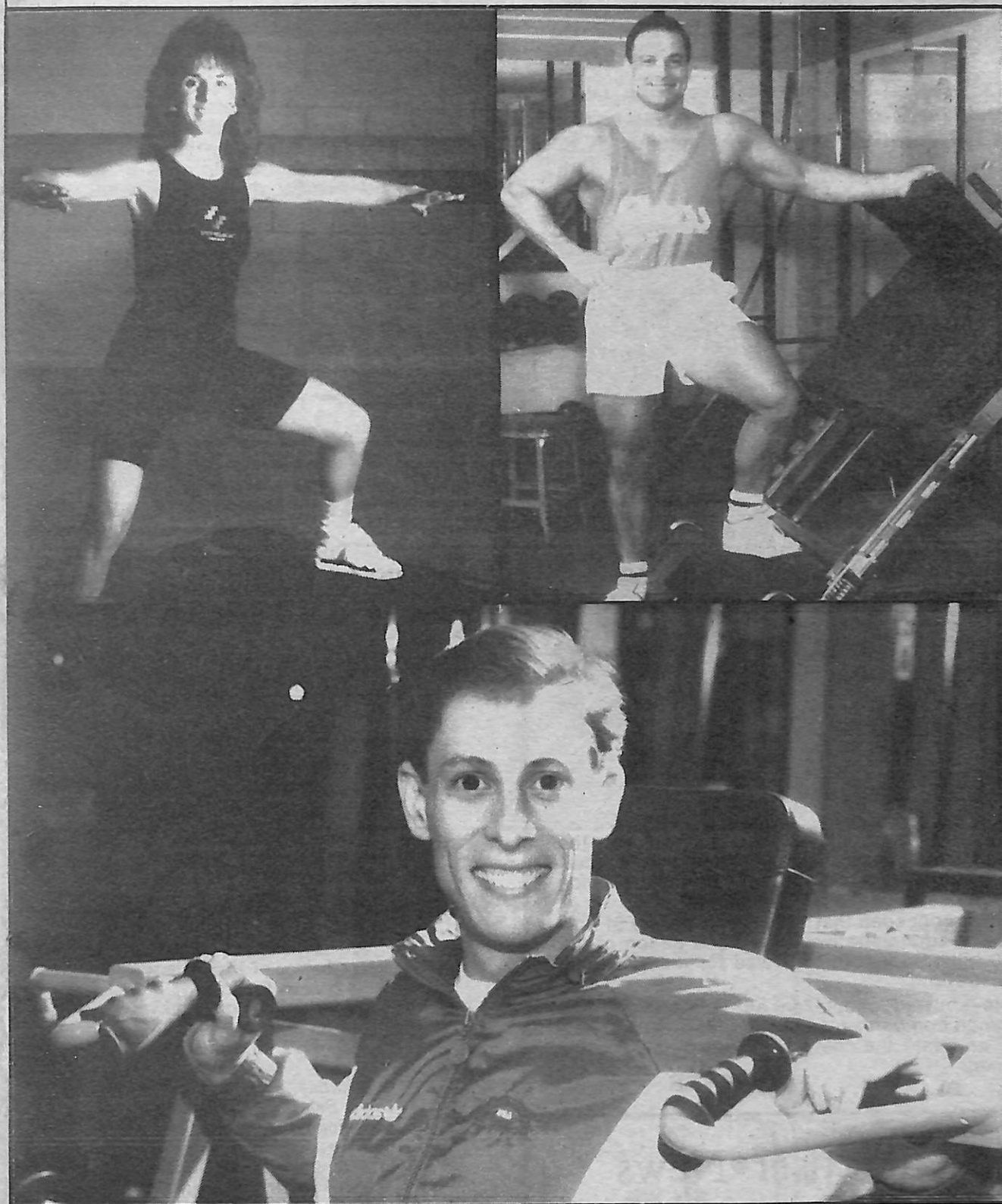
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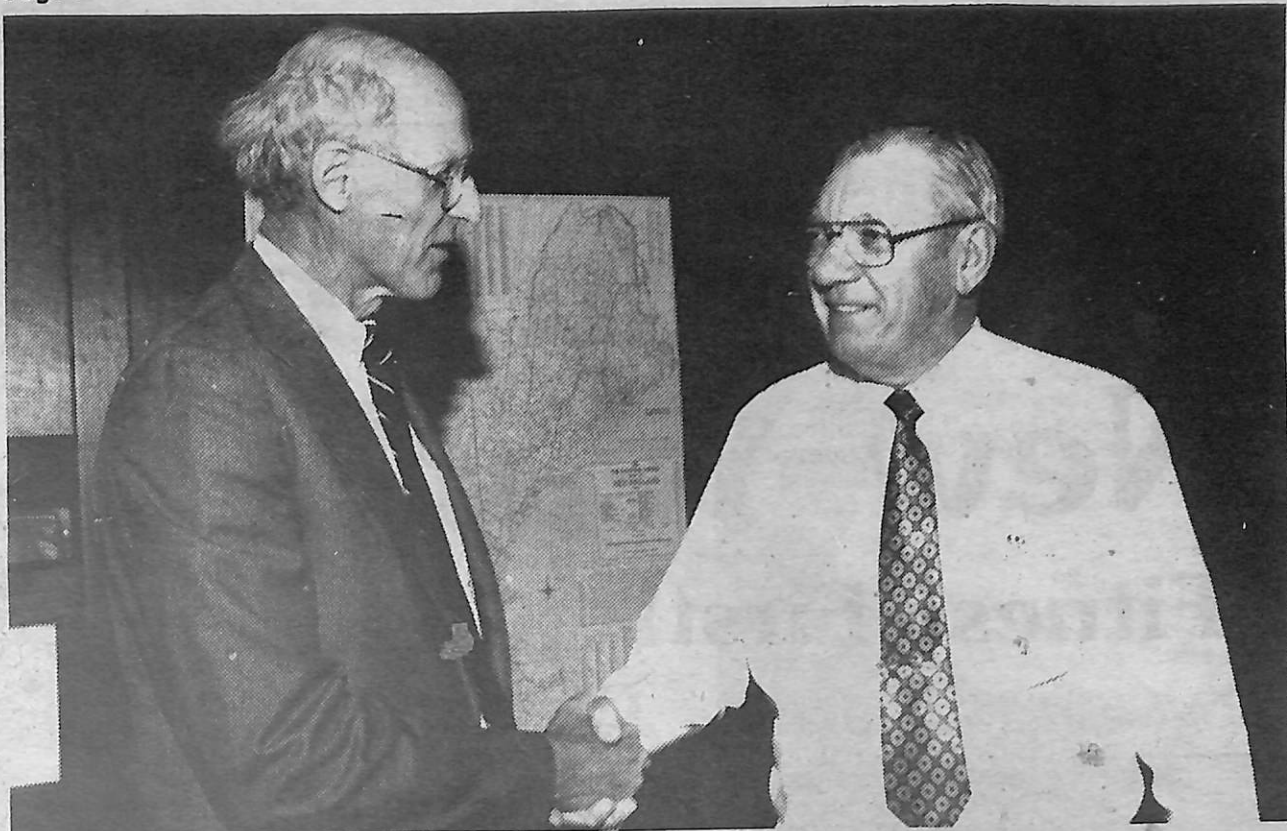
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DURING HIS VISIT TO Agawam on January 14th, U.S. Representative John Olver (D-Amherst) stopped at New England School Supply on Silver Street before touring several businesses across the street at the Agawam Industrial Park. Olver is being greeted by N.E. School Supply plant manager Warren Luthgren. IN PHOTO BELOW, Olver chats with employees Cliff Taylor and Corine Boduch. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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He warned, "Universal coverage or national health care will cause taxes to rise, rise, and rise again. Government bureaucracy has imposed regulations upon the entire health care industry that have driven costs out of sight."

Olver concurred that small business "is the creator of most industry in this country," but said that not all businesses carried insurance for their employees.

Stuart Smith of Agawam talked about the limitations of insurance available for people with long-term health problems such as diabetes.

He said, "I would like to pay directly to the hospital and bypass insurance companies that triple costs. There is a gross mismeasure by the insurance companies to gain a lot of money."

Olver conceded that "25 cents of every \$1 now goes to administrative costs—\$80 billion of the \$750 billion spent in 1991 was for insurance administration."

He showed people an ad sponsored by insurance companies "published all over the country" and said the cost was about \$4,000 for that one ad.

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Letters To The Editor

Resident Hopes To Establish Fund For Worthy Causes

To The Editor:

To the people of Agawam:
It is my pleasure to announce that I have had promises from Mayor Johnson and my Attorney, Anthony Bonavita, to co-operate with me in helping to set up a non-profit corporation, separate from town government, to distribute funds for worthy causes, which would benefit the people of this town.

The editor of this paper has offered a way to establish a fund to further this purpose. I have already had some response, but need more people, especially young people, who would be interested in deciding on a place to discuss this matter and to decide on a date. Beyond that, if agreed, to decide on a name and to elect necessary officers and a permanent meeting place.

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Two Present Members Replaced...

Council Selects Marilyn Curry & Jane Dennis For Whiting St. Comm.

The little known Whiting Street Fund became center stage at Tuesday night's Town Council meeting as councilors replaced two members of the three-member committee with two well-known civic leaders in the community.

Named to the fund which earmarks money for poor in the community are Marilyn Curry and Jane Dennis, both of Feeding Hills.

Mrs. Curry is known in Agawam for her work on the Agawam Historical Association, the Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee, trustee of the Captain Charles Leonard House, and for writing a historical column in *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

Last year Mrs. Dennis created and coordinated the highly-publicized "Bow A Bow, Send A Box" campaign both before and during the Persian Gulf War. Her son, a Marine, served during the Gulf War and Mrs. Dennis and her organization forwarded many care packages to Agawam servicemen and women in the Persian Gulf.

Mrs. Dennis also supervised the successful Agawam Fourth of July celebration at the Polish American Club.

The appointment of Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Dennis came in the wake of \$1,500 loan given to Marc Fuller, the son of Town Council President Jessie D. Fuller. The loan was given to Fuller in September 1990. Several councilors criticized the hows and whys of the loan, as it was disclosed that the vote apparently came over the phone. It was reported in the press that two of the trustees received phone calls from Mrs. Fuller (who was a councilor at that time) but she did not pressure them to vote for the loan.

The loan was given to Fuller so he could attend the seminary. He had been out of work at the time for several months due to a neck injury.

Last week Mrs. Fuller repaid the loan in full. She thanked members of the community for giving her support during the controversy.

Replaced on the committee were Robert Pettazoni of Feeding Hills, and Jean Goss of Agawam.

The third member of the committee is Town Treasurer Rudy Altobelli, who serves in the unpaid position (along with the other two committee members) due to the manner in which the Whiting

Street Fund was established.

Town Historian Edith LaFrancis also forwarded *The Advertiser News* clarification of the history of the Whiting Street Fund.

Mrs. LaFrancis told us, "Whiting Street is the name of a man, not a highway."

"Mr. Street was a native of Northampton. In his will, dated June 23rd, 1985, left the sum of \$4,000 to the Town of Agawam to be held in trust. The income was to be used for relief and comfort of the worthy poor who were not on the town relief list or in the almshouse. Trustees are chosen annually to oversee this gift."

"Mr. Street was 21 years-old when he started his business career by catching and selling drift logs in the Connecticut River."

"That was in 1811. Lumbering companies far to the north put great piles of logs into the river during the spring freshet, many having Northampton as their destination. Sometimes a boom would break and some of the floating logs would get away and go downstream as far as Hartford. If the company's mark was on the log, it still belonged to the company. But if there was no mark, anyone could haul the log out of the river and sell it."

"From Whiting Street's venture, he went on to investment in the thriving riverboat commerce. Barges were coming up the river carrying cargos to supply stores along the way; they went downstream loaded with farm products and items from small home industries."

"When the riverboats tied up at Day's landing, Mr. Street would notify local farmers who would go down to the river and bring the goods to Northampton in heavy wagons. He would be seen walking down to his warehouse in his unhurried way, barefoot and with his boots in his hand if the day was hot and sunny."

"He lived with a brother and two sisters on a well-kept farm. His favorite recreation was playing cards with some of his friends. From his success in the riverboat trade, he was able to leave modest bequests to one city and 20 towns," concluded Mrs. LaFrancis.

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Before the forum concluded, Olver presented three proposals to citizens. The first was an "employer-based pay-or-play system similar to what already exists."

He added, "Every employer would provide insurance or pay into a pool (eight percent of payroll) to provide insurance to certain employees. The pool would help to pay for those presently uninsured."

The second proposal was a medical system for all similar to that in Germany, and the third was a fully public, single-payor system (where all residents would be covered by a single plan such as that which exists in Canada).

Olver said that the third plan would be administered at state levels, and there would no longer be any deductibles with prescriptions, long-term care would be covered, and the plan would be more comprehensive.

Councilor Gravel Sets Office Hours Feb. 12th

City Councilor Nancy E. Gravel announces that she will begin holding monthly office hours. Office hours for February will be held on Wednesday, February 12th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Agawam Senior Center, Wright Street, Agawam.

These forums will provide a time for citizens to meet with Mrs. Gravel to discuss issues of concern. Councilor Gravel looks forward to meeting with Agawam citizens.

Councilor Willis Plans Office Hours Jan. 24th

Town Councilor Joanne H. Willis will hold her monthly office hours at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, on Friday, January 24th, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Councilor Willis will be available to listen to constituent concerns and will seek input on her upcoming proposal to require financial disclosure by local public officials.

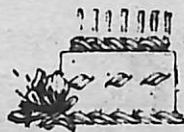
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Ag. Police Dept. Arrest Blotter

On January 12th, **James E. McNells**, 350 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Holyoke Police Department warrant as well as no license. Arresting officers were Eric Lottermoser, Sergeant William Sliech, and Jim Donovan.

On January 12th, **Robert Napolitan**, 123 Greystone Avenue, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol and failure to stop for a police officer. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Jim Donovan.

On January 12th, **Joel E. Edwards**, 31 Summit Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant William Sliech and Jim Donovan.

On January 12th, **Robert L. Hanson**, 18 Montyka Street, Ludlow, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Detective Peter Bertera.

On January 14th, **Kevin G. Roberts**, 82 Heron Road, Enfield, CT, was arrested and charged with an outstanding State Police warrant. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Paul Murphy.

On January 16th, **Thomas Merchant**, 303 School Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with speeding and driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Jim Donovan.

On January 16th, **Linda Sickler**, 29 Labelle Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged

ed with weaving and driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau and Sergeant William Sliech.

On January 17th, **Rita Gagnon**, 127 Lealand Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Eric Lottermoser and Richard Conlon.

On January 18th, **Jason Avezzio**, 76 Marsden Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Chicopee Police Dept. warrant. Arresting officers were Walter Zymroz and Mark Ceccarini.

On January 18th, **Joseph L. Hanoville**, 107 Berkshire Avenue, Southwick, was arrested and charged with operating without a license. Arresting officer was Keith Bopko.

On January 18th, **Mark Haapanen**, 70 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department. Arresting officers were Robert Marsh and Jim Lewis.

On January 18th, **Thomas O'Donnell**, 5 Hickory Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien and Steve Grasso.

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Agawam Crime Prevention... Communication Key To Fighting Crime

by Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

Among the many things that can be said for communications, the most important must certainly be that it is part of a thin line that separates human beings from animals.

The ability to feel emotion and demonstrate sensitivity to the needs and desires of others affords us a credibility unavailable to those species of the wild kingdom. If we are to take credit for possessing these qualities, then we must also accept blame when and where they are lacking.

It would appear that a growing number of "civilized people" are opting to return to the ranks from which they evolved; a world where food, fear and animal instincts rule. In pursuit of love, money and recognition (not necessarily in that order), we lose the skills required to communicate in a logical, rational manner.

People become numbers and mere bodies that fill spaces. Money becomes the all-important consideration and consequently, the dollar becomes the driving force behind our every activity. Little more than pawns in the overall chess game of life, people become hard and bitter towards a world that measures them in terms of their expendability.

In business, we fight the corporate wars where, every day, there falls a thousand victims. We come home at night to do battle with our neighbors because the dogs are barking and the kids don't get along with ours. Even within the sacred ranks of our families, we can't seem to get along.

In the streets, the fight is for money, drugs and power, and the number left dead increases daily. If our motive for living is to be more than mere survival, we had damn well better find our way back to basic communications.

It would appear that none of us lack the ability to speak. If you look around for a minute, you will find everyone is talking. The problem is that no one is listening.

We all have thoughts and ideas which have to be expressed; unfortunately, we can't talk and listen at the same time. We have to believe that God gave us two ears and only one tongue for reason—listen twice as much as we talk.

Somewhere along the line, there has to be someone willing to sit down, listen and care for the person who needs it most. We have to slow down, gather our thoughts and express ourselves in a way that allows for others to be heard. A caring attitude can be contagious, and may well be all that is necessary to be successful where we are now failing.

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The Agawam Fire Department says that by installing a home fire sprinkler system, you are providing a type of 24-hour, automatic fire protection.

A fire may smoulder for hours, but once the first flame appears, it may take only two minutes for the fire to spread to the contents, walls, and ceiling of an entire room. However, in a room protected by a fire sprinkler system, the heat from the fire would cause the sprinkler to spray water to extinguish or confine the fire until the fire department arrives.

Statistics show that sprinkler systems save lives and reduce fire damages by over 80 percent in some cases. Sprinklers have been used in commercial buildings for many years. The combined new technology of a quick-response sprinkler head, the reduced expense of installation, the use of plastic pipe, and the ability to blend the sprinkler into the decor of a room, have all helped to increase the popularity and use of home sprinkler systems.

They are being included in plans for new homes, as well as being added to existing construction. Tests of these new systems show that sprinkler heads respond to fire in as little as 35 seconds. When coupled with smoke detectors, they provide early warning and early extinguishment.

Frequent questions concerning home sprinklers include the following:

- Will the sprinklers go off accidentally? Research shows an accidental discharge due to a manufacturing defect is one in 16,000,000 sprinklers per year in service.

- If one sprinkler head goes off, will they all activate? Sprinkler heads are designed to react to temperatures in each room individually. Normally, only the sprinkler over the fire will activate.

- If the sprinkler system activates, will my house sustain severe water damage? Tests show that damage caused by water from a sprinkler is much less than damage caused by fire department hose streams.

- Aren't sprinklers too expensive to install? A 2,000-square-foot home under construction can be protected by a sprinkler system costing as little as \$1,500 to \$2,000.

As an added bonus, most insurance companies offer a sizeable discount for coverage of homes with sprinkler systems.

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We don't have to agree with or even understand an idea or a point of view, but if the attempt is not made to listen and show concern, then we are lacking in what little we need to separate us from the lower species of life.

I guess, in a way, animals demonstrate more patience and common sense than we, who are supposed to be superior. Animals don't hate; they react to stimuli. They don't hold grudges; they remember only what they need to survive.

Finally, animals don't do much talking—they listen and learn, a habit with which we humans could benefit greatly.

Residents Urged To Respond To Census

Town Clerk Richard M. Theroux wishes to remind citizens to respond promptly to the local census. The local census, primarily used to maintain voting lists, is being conducted by the town clerk's office during January.

Theroux emphasized that a prompt and accurate response will save the town money because it will limit the need for local officials to complete costly follow-up visits in person or by telephone.

A prompt response will help the municipalities complete this task efficiently and quickly as required by state law.

"On Election Day this year, many people were inconvenienced at the polls when they learned that their names had been dropped from the voting list. While voters may be reinstated at the polling place, the reinstatement process requires voters to spend extra time at the polling place, and this may create longer lines for everyone."

"A simple response to the local census this month can prevent these problems from occurring in the future," Theroux stated.

The Registrars of Voters of every city and town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are required by law to communicate by mail, phone or

personal visit with every household to determine name, date of birth, nationality and occupation of every resident in that municipality.

These simple pieces of information will protect people's rights as residents and ensure that their name will remain on the voting list.

"Although the state census was abolished last November, the local census is still required by Massachusetts Law to determine the residents of individual cities or towns," Theroux stated.

"If residents fail to respond to their local census promptly, it will cost more money to pay for follow-up visits. No one can afford that cost," he continued.

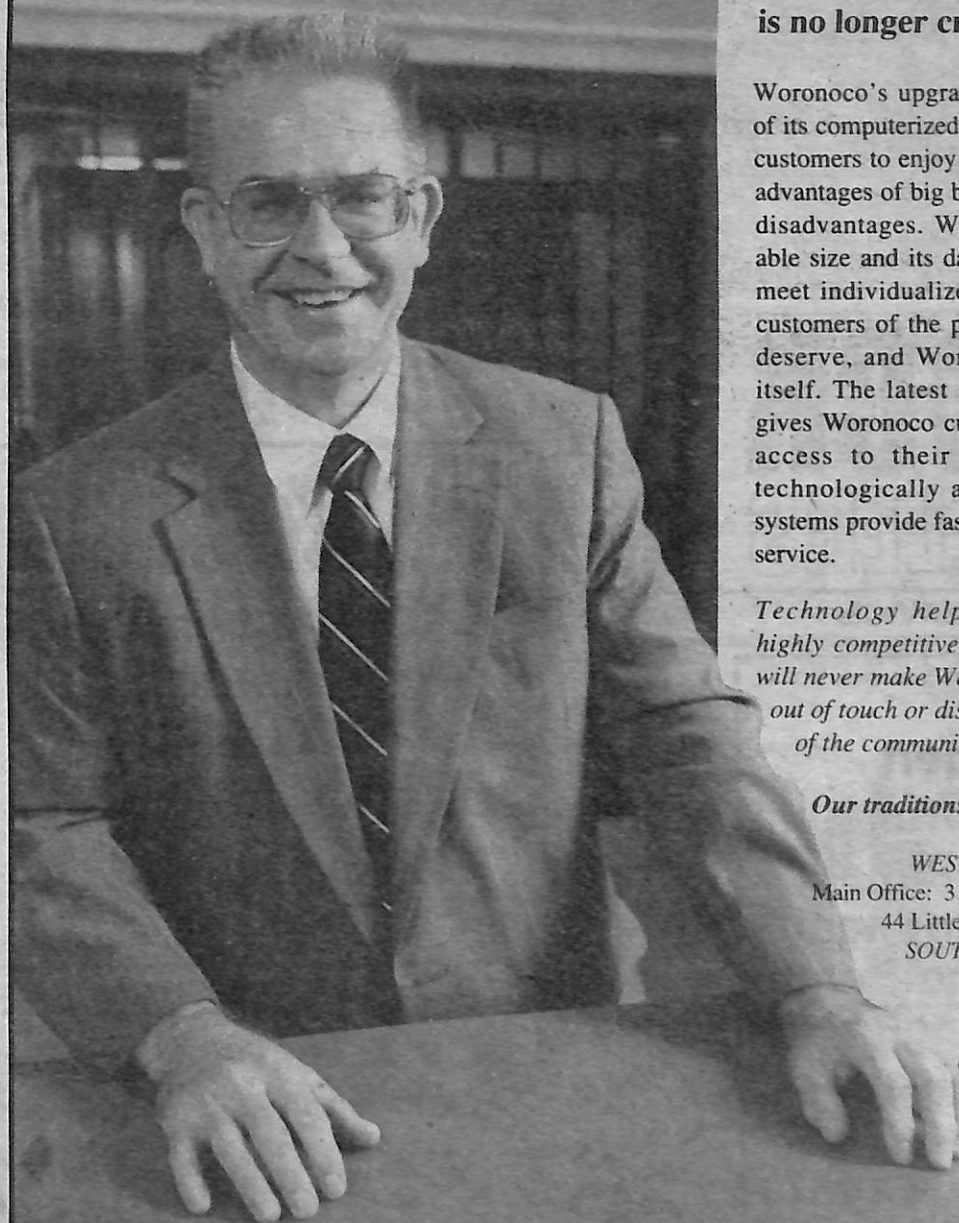
The local census is primarily used to maintain voting and jury lists, but it also aids in school enrollment projections, public safety and senior citizens needs.

The local census also establishes proof of residency, which is often needed for certain privileges such as transfer station stickers and cemetery rights, certain veterans' benefits, and reduced tuition rates at state colleges and universities.

"Answering your local census will save you and your local officials time and money. Massachusetts is counting on your immediate response," concluded Theroux.

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Agawam Obituaries

Thomas J. DalMolin

Thomas J. DalMolin, 34, of 40 Blanchard Avenue, Ludlow, a 12-year Springfield District Court Officer, died at home.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam, and was graduated from Agawam High School in 1975.

While in high school, he played on the varsity soccer and hockey teams. He later coached the junior varsity hockey team.

He also was graduated from Westfield State College, and received a master's degree in criminal justice from American International College. He moved to Ludlow five years ago.

He was a member of the Shaker Farms Country Club, and played on a hockey team sponsored by Teddy Bear Pools. He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, and was president of the Ludlow Kindergarten School Parent-Teacher Organization.

He leaves his wife, the former Maria Chaves; a son, Thomas J. Jr., and a daughter, Jillian M. DalMolin, both at home; his parents, Joseph P. and Mary (Fazio) DalMolin of Agawam; two sisters, Diane Rolandini of West Springfield and Mary Lou Vigue of Agawam; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Tazzini Funeral Home of Springfield, and the church, with burial at St. Aloysius Cemetery in Indian Orchard. Memorial contributions may be made to the DalMolin children's education fund, in care of Maria DalMolin of 40 Blanchard Avenue, Ludlow, MA, 01056.

Americo Caravaggi

Americo "Rico" Caravaggi, 77, of 101 Anthony Street, Agawam, a retired supervisor, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He worked for 20 years at Associated Transport Co., most recently as a supervisor, and then was a lead man at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of United Technologies Corp. in East Hartford. He retired in 1974.

Born in Springfield, he lived for many years in West Springfield, and attended schools there. He was also a graduate of the Boston Jewelry School.

He moved to Agawam in 1955, and was a communicant of St. Ann's Church.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, and was awarded two Bronze Stars. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 207, both in West Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Marjorie Touseull; a son, Frank R.; a foster-son, William Edwards, both of Agawam; a sister, Antoinette Pace of Ocala, Florida; and a grandson.

The funeral was held at Curran-Jones West Springfield Funeral Home, with burial at St. Thomas's Cemetery, both in West Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holyoke Soldiers' Home, 110 Cherry Street, Holyoke, MA, 01040.

Francis A. Connor

Francis A. Connor, 77, of 11 Williams Street, Agawam, a retired 20-year employee of the Public Works Department, died at home. He retired in 1977.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam all his life, and was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in West Springfield.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, and a member of the American Legion, the Victor Emmanuel Society and the Knights of Columbus in St. Augustine, Florida.

His wife, the former Barbara Guerrandeno, died in 1978.

He leaves three sons, Francis A., Vincent M. and Michael J. of Agawam; two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas's Cemetery, all in West Springfield.

Florence R. Bianchi

Florence R. (Giordano) Bianchi, 84, of 104 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, a retired 10-year machinist for Wire & Tinsel Co., died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. She retired in 1960.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Feeding Hills from 1965. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, and a member of the Sisters of Columbus and the Agawam Golden Agers.

Her husband, Domenick Bianchi, died in 1982, and her son, Richard, in 1986.

She leaves a son, Joseph of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Andrew and Fred of Feeding Hills; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral and burial were scheduled to be private and at the convenience of the family. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Howard R. Minor

Howard R. Minor of Agawam, a retired sergeant in the Agawam Police Department, died on January 10th, 1992.

Born June 22nd, 1915, he had three brothers; Gley, Horton, and Calvin; and three sisters, Esther, Charlotte, and Marlon.

He served the Agawam Police Department for 26 years, retiring in 1969. He was senior night shift officer. For the last few years, he worked as a self-employed carpenter.

He was a 48-year member of the Elm-Belcher Lodge of Masons, and worshipped at the Agawam Congregational Church for many years.

He and his wife, Gertrude, were married for 43 years and had three children, Alan, Russell, and Jane; and eight grandchildren, Lisa, Jon, Lilsbet, Astrid, Howard, Laerke, Justin, and Kevin.

A memorial service will be held in his honor on Saturday, January 25th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church.

Carmela Longo

Carmela "Nellie" (Maiolo) Longo, 92, of Meadow Street, Agawam, died January 17th in Springfield's Mercy Hospital.

Born in Springfield, she had lived in Agawam for the past 70 years.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. She was a member of the Sisters of Columbus Lodge 48.

Her husband, Cosimo Longo, died in 1963.

She leaves three sons, Peter, Cosimo and Joseph, all of Agawam; two daughters, Rose L. Poisson of Springfield and Josephine A. Longo of Agawam; two brothers, Joseph and James, both of Springfield; a sister, Christine Baggetta of Springfield; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

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Ag. Congo Church Slates Weekly Events

The Wednesday Night Worship Service, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, continues to be a source of enrichment for those attending.

Following the service at 7:30 p.m. is the R.E.L.A.T.E. series under the direction of Mr. Barry Toussaint.

The church wishes to announce that there will be a Memorial Service for Howard Minor on Saturday, January 25th, at 11:00 a.m.

On Sunday, January 26th, three new members will be joining the church. They are: Susan E. Graham, Laurie Alfano, and Thomas Rourke.

There will be a meeting for the one-day Vacation Bible Camp steering committee on Sunday, January 26th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church.

Anyone wishing to assist with this project is welcome to attend.

All post-high school single adults are invited to attend a Singles Dessert and Game Night at the Congregational Church on Sunday, February 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite dessert and board game and join the fun.

Expo Alumni Fund Plan Dinner/Dance

The annual winter dinner dance of the Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund will be held Saturday, February 8th at the Dante Club on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield.

An all-you-can-eat dinner, including roast beef, chicken, potatoes, ziti, broccoli, salad, dessert and coffee, will be served at 7:00 p.m. Following dinner there will be dancing past midnight, with music provided by DJ Dennis Productions, one of the area's top disc jockey.

There will also be a drawing for a painting and other donated prizes.

The public is encouraged to attend the dinner dance, which is one of two annual events sponsored by the Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund Committee to benefit college and college-bound students in the area. The committee has awarded more than \$200,000 in financial assistance to deserving students since its inception more than 30 years ago.

Dinner dance tickets, for a donation of \$15 each, are available from scholarship committee members, or by calling 734-1010.

Local Author Present Books To Library



FEEDING HILLS RESIDENT Nancy "Rainbow" Shaer (left) presented the Agawam Public Library with two signed copies of her new children's book, "Billy Frog Adventures - The Goods-Yard." The book is about spiritual wisdom of a Native American. Accepting the book from Mrs. Shaer is Children's Librarian Jeanne Hoffman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Tour Planners Plan Sweetheart Revue

The Agawam Tour Planners will offer the following trip to the general public—a perfect short day trip to the Delaney House to see the show "Sweetheart's Revue," on Tuesday, February 11th, at 11:00 a.m.

You will enjoy an "all you can eat" family style luncheon. There will be beef, poultry, and fish. The cost is \$34 inclusive (bus, meal, show, taxes and gratuity).

For more information or reservations, call Nellie Mathias, 786-9093, or Helen Blanchard, 786-9859. Reservations can also be made at the ticket booth at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, Agawam, between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. daily.

Airman Schneider Grad Of Basic Training

Airman Brian W. Schneider has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organizations and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Gary W. and Nancy F. Schneider of 22 Althea Circle, Agawam.

The airman is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School.

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Lisa M. Kozel Bride Of Wayne Perry, Jr.

Lisa M. Kozel and Wayne Perry, Jr., exchanged wedding vows at St. John the Evangelist Church on November 30th. Reverend Richard F. Meehan performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kozel of Agawam. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Perry, also of Agawam.

Cheryl Kozel, sister of the bride, attended the bride as maid of honor. Frank Messier served as best man to the bridegroom. Makila Rae Messier was the flower girl. James Blais, cousin of the bride, was ringbearer.

The reception was held at Chez Josef.

The couple are graduates of Agawam High School. The bride also graduated from Holyoke Community College. She is a customer service representative for AT&T.

Her husband is employed by Braman Chemical Company.

After a honeymoon in Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple now reside in Feeding Hills.

Ference Family Has New Son Dec. 29th

Dori-Ann and Kenneth Ference of Westfield announce the birth of their son, John Michael on December 29th.

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Rollands Celebrate 35th Anniversary



MR. & MRS. LIONEL ROLLAND of 89 Hall Street, Feeding Hills, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on December 8th. The family is pictured above. Back row, from left - Matthew Rolland, Scott Fisher, Lionel, Joe Rolland, Mark Rolland, and Mike Blanchard. Bottom row - Donna Rolland, Michelle, Scott Jr., Cori, Jill, and Lisa.

Ag. Women's Club To Meet Jan. 27th

The Agawam Women's Club will hold their first meeting of 1992 on Monday, January 27th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street.

The program for the evening will be presented by George Bitzas. Mr. Bitzas, well-known Agawam lecturer, will speak on Greece and show slides as well.

The Women's Club is currently making plans for the February 18th coffee hour to be held at Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

Sons Of Norway Slate Jan. 24th Meeting

Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge 3-552 will hold its next meeting Friday, January 24th at 8:00 p.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield (Rt. 20).

There will be the installation of officers for 1992. All persons interested in Norwegian heritage are welcome.

For further information, please contact Virginia Davidson, 562-9674 or William Cook, 562-1338.

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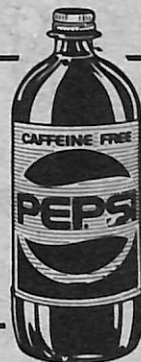


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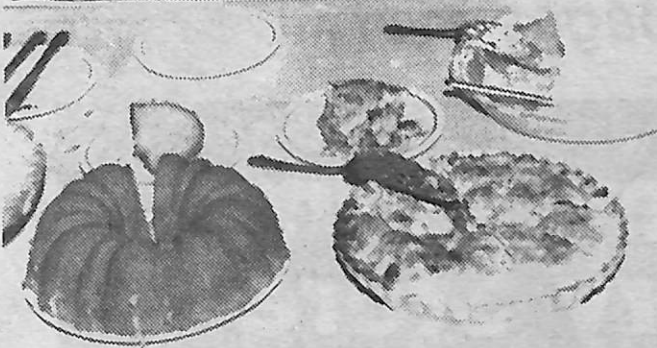
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MARJORIE LANG and CORINNE ROSS supervised the dessert table at the January 11th church supper at Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Crafters Sought For West Side Fair

Crafters are being sought for the Seventh Annual Mother's Day Craft Fair sponsored by the Community Women of West Springfield.

The Fair will be held on the Town Common on Saturday, May 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Applications may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Community Women of West Springfield, P.O. Box 576, West Springfield, MA 01090. Application deadline is April 10th.

A \$25 fee will be charged for each 15'x15' space. This is a non-juried show.



KITCHEN HELPERS WHO SERVED a delicious chicken dinner at Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills on January 11th included, from left - Linda Orr, Mark Dintzner, and Lois McCarl. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RAYMOND & BARBARA PRONOVOST were delighted with the church supper served at Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills on January 11th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Fees for each presentation are \$3 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$4 for non-members. Pre-registration is not required.

*** Poisonous Snakes and Their Look-a-likes** - Wednesday, January 29th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Poisonous snakes have been collected and persecuted to the brink of extinction in Massachusetts. Tom Tynning, Massachusetts Audubon naturalist and author of "A Guide to Amphibians and Reptiles," will correct many of the misunderstandings surrounding these much-maligned reptiles. Learn also about common, non-poisonous imitators that provoke panicked phone calls to local natural centers.

*** Peregrine Falcons** - Wednesday, February 12th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

These dramatic aerial predators were wiped out as a nesting bird in the eastern United States by 1960. Tom French, Deputy Director of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, will be on hand to share the story of the peregrines' decline and the 22-year effort to restore the bird in our area.

Fantastic 4-Hers Of Ag. Staying Active



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM FANTASTIC 4-HERS enjoyed a Christmas program at the Agawam Congregational Church last month. In photo are Caitlin Weisgerber, Nicholas Voos, Kimberly Sullivan, Amanda Fox, Julie Voos, Laura Tisdell, and Ryan Sullivan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Citizens For Life To Meet Jan. 28th

The Agawam chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life will hold a meeting on Tuesday, January 28th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Police Station Community Room.

For more information, call Steve Fields at 789-4439.

Operation Friendship At F.H. Congo Church To Hold Benefit Bake & Tag Sale Feb. 1st

The Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship is having a Tag & Bake Sale, Saturday, February 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Operation Friendship is an international youth cultural exchange program. It is a non-profit organization to encourage international friendship and understanding between American and

European youth.

This past summer, the Feeding Hills Chapter hosted 15 youths from Scotland. All activities were paid for from fundraising.

This coming summer, nine Feeding Hills members will visit varying participating European countries. The monies raised from the Tag & Bake Sale will go towards their travel expenses.

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He is the son of Dr. Jack Merrill of Newton and Mrs. Aurelia Worton of Delaware.

The bride-to-be is the editor of The Winchester Star and is a 1986 graduate of Framingham State College.

Her fiancé is a second-year law student at Northeastern University in Boston and plans to become a civil rights attorney. He is a 1984 graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

The couple plan to wed in 1993.

Agawam UNICO Sets Macaroni Supper

The Agawam Chapter of Unico National has announced that the organization will hold its 30th Annual Macaroni & Meatball Supper on Wednesday, April 8th, during the hours of 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The price of the tickets this year will be \$4 for adults; the price for children under 12 years of age will be free (if they are accompanied by an adult). Proceeds from this event will help finance activities of the organization.

Unico, the largest Italian-American service organization in America, has participated in a number of Agawam activities in the past year, including the children's Halloween party at Robinson Park School, a food and toy giveaway to needy families at Christmas time, as well as contributing to several charities.

Great Card Parties At Senior Center

Come and enjoy the fun at the Agawam Senior Center on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

In January, we are playing Agawam Rummy; in February, we are playing Crazy Whist, and Pitch in March.

We are looking for new card games to learn and play. If you have a game you would like to share, see or call Janice (786-0400, ext. 242).

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Jr. Women's Club Convenes New Board



ON JANUARY 10TH, the Agawam Junior Women's Club gathered for dinner at Storowton Tavern in West Springfield for the Annual Banquet & Installation of Officers. IN TOP PHOTO, pictured are board members, from left - Nancy Campi, Ways & Means; Eileen Hamre, president's advisor; Stephanie Bertagnolli, publicity; and Diane Graveline, Ways & Means. PHOTO BELOW - Rosalie Dialessi, president; Donna Shibley, 1st vice-president; Liz Taylor, 2nd vice-president; Sue Hoague, secretary; Pat Bellisle, corresponding secretary; Eva Jack, treasurer. Missing - Rhonda O'Donnell, Newsletter. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Jr. Women Gather For Installation



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB gathered at Storowton Tavern in West Springfield for the Annual Banquet & Installation of Officers. RELATED PHOTOS AND INFO on previous page. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Planning Classes For Safe Boating On January 27th

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary plans Safe Boating Classes starting Monday, January 27th.

Classes will meet every Monday night through April 13th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and will be held at the Lake Lorraine Environmental Facility on Homestead Avenue in Springfield, Massachusetts.

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The courses are conducted by qualified instructors of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla No. 901.

For further information call Vic Ruby at 786-3305.

Pre-School Party



THEY SAY CHRISTMAS is for children. Above, Heritage Hall Pre-School children and their teachers, Betty Golon and Bridget Sheehan, visit West Building residents to help with the Christmas decorating. Everyone pitched in and did a great job. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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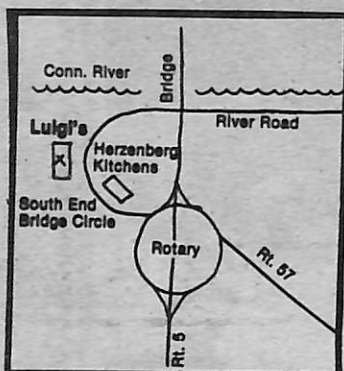
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DISHING OUT beans for the Annual Ham & Bean Supper at the Agawam First Baptist Church are kitchen workers Shirley Goss (left), Jean Goss, and Ethel Hutchinson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



NANCY EDWARDS, EVELYN ABELL, and Dorothy Jenks manned the dessert table for the Agawam Baptist Church Supper on January 11th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PAUL & RUTH LATAILLE said the food and service at the January 11th Ham & Bean Supper at the Agawam First Baptist Church were superb. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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St. Patrick's Chapel of St. Jerome's Church in Holyoke was the setting for the recent wedding of Margaret Monahan of Holyoke to Mark DeForge. A reception followed at the Storrowton Carriage House in West Springfield.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Monahan. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. DeForge, Sr., of Agawam.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Joseph Monahan of Longmeadow. Her gown of white satin and re-embroidered alencon lace appliques featured a wedding ring neckline, fitted lace bodice, dropped waistline, long fitted lace sleeves with a double pouff at the top, and a full cathedral length satin train with scattered lace appliques.

For a headpiece the bride wore a floral wreath of matching alencon lace and flowers. A double illusion silk veil was attached to the back of a short bubble pouff.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was her sister, Ellen Clark of Holyoke. Bridesmaids were Mary Brigid O'Rourke of Manhattan, New York, sister of the bride, and Barbara Byrne of Princeton, New Jersey. Danielle DeForge, daughter of the groom, was junior bridesmaid. All were gown in cocktail length dresses of black velvet and royal blue taffets.

Michael DeForge of Rutland, MA, served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Phillip DeForge, Jr., of Wilbraham, brother of the groom, and John Bonavita of Agawam. James Monahan of Holyoke, godson of the bride, served as junior groomsman.

Scriptural readings were done by Phillip DeForge, Jr., and Phillip Monahan of Rochester, New York, brother of the bride. The gifts were presented at the altar by Patrick Monahan of Holyoke, brother of the bride, and Alice Quirk of Agawam, godmother of the groom.

The bride graduated from Holyoke Catholic High School and Holyoke Community College. She is a clerk for the U.S. postal service in Chicopee.

Her husband is a graduate of Agawam High School and American International College. He is supervisor of postal operations in South Hadley.



MR. & MRS. MARK DEFORGE

Area Sewing Guild At Agawam Library

The Springfield/Western Massachusetts Chapter of the American Sewing Guild presents Sewing Video Day, February 1st, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam.

The afternoon will feature **Sew Again** - a Refresher Course by Nancy Zleman of the nationally syndicated show, *Sewing with Nancy*.

Sew Again teaches the latest quick and simple techniques for sewers that are a little rusty. The video covers techniques for perfect neckline and armhole facings, inserting lapped zippers, perfect buttonholes, sewing with knits, professional looking waistbands and gathering fabrics.

The public is welcome to attend at no charge. More information on the Guild's Video Day and the American Sewing Guild is available from Tansie Broska at 783-8868.

The American Sewing Guild is a nonprofit organization of home sewers. Its purpose is to provide information, education and programs to its members and the community. Membership in the Guild is open to all.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053.

Ag. Historical Asso. To Meet Jan. 28th

The Agawam Historical Association will start the 1992 meetings and programs on Tuesday, January 28th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Captain Charles Leonard House.

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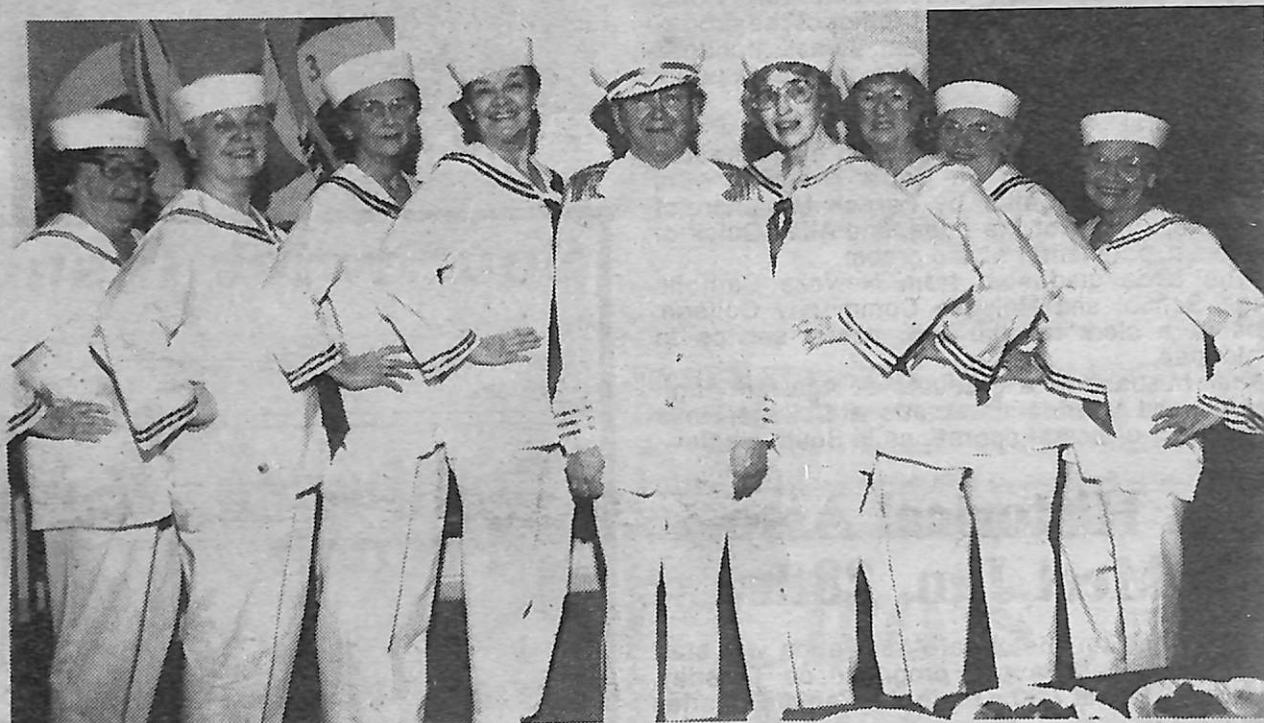
Agawam Senior Center Dancers On Tour



FOUR AGAWAM SENIOR CITIZENS who were featured in a tap dance class by Marie Stevens of the West Springfield Senior Center included Norma Werthamer, Gladys Belcher, Margaret Lindsey, and Lois Miodowski. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER DANCERS from "Anchors Aweigh" and "Steam Heat" had been performing weekly through the summer months and enjoyed a full calendar for the month of December. The hardworking groups held their first 1992 performance on January 8th. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Spotlight On Business

Sweet Tooth Heaven At Peterjon's!!!



LOCATED AT 1325 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Peterjon's Gourmet Ice Cream is a delicious stop for ice cream lovers and those with a sweet tooth. Gail Hebert, co-owner and store manager, makes gourmet bon-bons in photo above; in photo left, Gail displays some of the many fine homemade baked goods available each day at Peterjon's. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Even During Winter Months Peterjon's Ice Cream Is A Treat

Peterjon's Gourmet Ice Cream, located at 1325 Springfield Street, in the Community Shops, has a delicious assortment of gourmet bon-bons, homemade baked goods, and soup specials. Stop in and try some of the delicious and new flavors of ice cream or to order the special birthday cake.

Peterjon's now carries Munson Chocolates. They have a variety of Valentine specials in the store. Gift certificates are always available. Check their daily specials. Peterjon's just keeps getting better!

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Suffield Boutique
Planning For Stylish
Second Anniversary**

by Joan Lussler
Advertiser News Staff

Suffield: Although winter may still be here, according to the calendar it is almost time for the second anniversary of **Lucile L's Boutique**. This Burbank Avenue boutique—owned by Lucile J. Loiseau—is filled with optimism and excitement as she prepares for the dynamic, chic styles of Spring fashions.

Time really does fly, especially when your heart is in what you do. "This has been so very rewarding," stated Lucile, who added, "I enjoy people, and when they come in to the boutique, whether it is to buy or just look, it makes me very happy."

"And nothing is more rewarding than to have someone come in, have me help them with an outfit or special occasion dress, and then see them in it!"

Has anything changed in two years? Lucile still orders her clothes from New York and Boston, although now, some manufacturers' representatives come to her.

She still carries quality lines such as: Regina Porter, Marisa Christina, NRI, Linda Lewis, Rothschild, PSI, Ultra Suede, Izod, Weathervane (no connection to the store), Betsey Johnson (for the young and young at heart), Castleberry, and now Castlebrook, a new line of knits which incorporate good quality at a moderate price, just to name a few.

The boutique carries her own line of perfume, men's Ultra Suede jackets, men's ties, accessories, jewelry, and she has many gift items.

One new part of the boutique is the Sale Room, because regardless of finances, **every woman loves a sale!**

The Sale Room carries items that have been drastically reduced, since Lucile does not carry clothes over from one year to the next. A nice variety plus a nice price makes this room an absolute must to see!

One of the boutique's future plans will be Personalized Shopping. This is for the person who needs clothing for themselves or for a gift and are not able to come to the shop.

Remember, this is for the person not able to get out—not the person who does not want to go out! For more information on this unique idea, please contact Lucile L's Boutique.

Even with the shrinking economy, has it and will it have an effect on the boutique?

"The economy has affected all businesses, but in spite of it, we still had a great holiday season," said Lucile.

She remains optimistic about the future because what she sells is unique clothing with a personal touch, and that individualized attention means a warm, friendly atmosphere, and someone to help picking out an outfit or accessorizing it. (We all know about waiting for help in some department stores.)

What's in for Spring? "Definitely pastels," answered Lucile. "Lots of soft pinks and whites, suits available with either a skirt or shorts, cotton and cotton knits, and lengths ranging from mini, to-the-knee, and calf length," she added.

Another very important statement Lucile said was that fashion has done a turn around. "It's almost as though fashion has become ageless meaning that certain styles are no longer just for



LUCILE LOISEAU of Suffield, and her daughter, Jennifer, are busy preparing for the second anniversary of Lucile L's Boutique on Burbank Avenue. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussler.

certain ages. If it looks good on, and it's comfortable, it can be worn regardless of your age."

For 1992, Lucile has already booked six fashion shows and is expecting another good year with continued growth in her business. At present, Lucile is very busy with spring fashions arriving daily. She is also very busy with an incredible sale that has been going on and will continue until January 25th.

For the first week of the sale, items (except Ultra Suede) were 35% off. The second week took 55% off, and for the last week (January 20th through 25th), there will be 65% off all clothing in the boutique (except Ultra Suede).

Along with this sale, there is a great bargain go-

ing on in the Sale Room—buy one item (that's already at a great price), and get the second item for just \$1! Better hurry—both sales end January 25th!

When you visit Lucile L's Boutique, located at 880 Burbank Avenue, Suffield, you will be greeted by the warm, smiling faces of Lucile and her daughters, Ruth Loiseau Bromson and Jennifer Loiseau, who will be ready to assist you in any way.

The boutique is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Clothes With Class!**

LUCILE LOISEAU, owner and operator of **Lucile L's Boutique** in Suffield, displays one of her many stylish women's outfits. SEE RELATED STORY AND PHOTOS on previous page. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

Anne DePalma Named Realty Treasurer

Audrey Simonds, owner of Accent Real Estate in Hampden, was installed 1992 President of the Greater Springfield Association of Realtors (GSAR) during the 77th Annual GSAR Installation Ceremonies on Monday, January 13th at Storowton Tavern, West Springfield.

Guest Speakers included Stephen J. Collins, 1992 President of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors and Robert Authier, Executive Vice President of the same organization.

Other officers installed were Stephen Buynicki of West Springfield as president-elect, Dianne Tufts of Longmeadow as vice-president, **Anne DePalma** of Agawam as treasurer, and Carolyn Haley of Brimfield as secretary.

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George & Green Recognizes More Agents

MORE AGENTS AT GEORGE & GREEN REAL ESTATE, with its corporate offices located on Main Street, Agawam, were recently recognized for outstanding sales. Office Manager Kathy Ayre (left) is pictured congratulating agents Cynthia Krolicki and John Langevin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Professional Women To Meet January 28th

The Springfield Chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Club (BPW) will hold its monthly dinner meeting on Tuesday, January 28th at P.J. Scott's in Springfield at 6:00 p.m.

The public is welcome. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

The speaker is Janice Canagallo, from the Women's Pavilion of Mercy Hospital in Springfield. Ms. Canagallo's topic is "Breast Cancer."

On Thursday, February 6th, the Springfield BPW will sponsor a seminar from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on "Negotiating Everything You Want" at the Bank of Boston, 1350 Main Street, 3rd floor, Springfield. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

The seminar is free to all Springfield BPW members and Bank of Boston employees.

For more information on the January meeting or February seminar, please contact Maria Wilson at 781-8000.

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Screening for eligibility will take place during January 1992 by calling 1-800-766-4466. "Individuals who are eligible for free eye care must be working or part of a household where one member is working at least part time, have no private or government health insurance, have not had an eye examination within the last year, and not be able to pay for eye care out of their own pockets," said Dr. Gallerani.

Most of the eye exams will be given during the first week in March 1992, nationally designated as Save Your Vision Week, or sometime in March. The program is part of a national VISION USA public service program sponsored by the American Optometric Association. In 1991 nearly 40,000 needy individuals were helped through this event.

Weldon Center For Rehab Has Monthly Stroke Support

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at the Mercy Hospital Center for Health will sponsor its monthly stroke support group on Monday, January 27th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the O'Hara Room for the Deliso Conference Center at Mercy Hospital, 299 Carew Street, Springfield.

The evening's program will include a presentation on "Fire Safety for the Disabled" by Adolph Matys, a stroke survivor and retired fireman.

All stroke survivors and their family members, as well as interested professionals, are invited to attend. The group is open to the public as a community service and there is no charge for the support group.

For more information, contact the Weldon Center, 737-8153, extension 6454.

Health Dept. Gives "Rabies Alert"

by the Agawam Health Department

The word "rabies" strikes terror into the hearts of many. And it shouldn't. There have been no cases of human rabies in Massachusetts since 1934. The last rabid raccoon was reported in 1973, the last rabid cat in 1980.

Due to widespread vaccination of pet dogs, along with improved animal control, this fatal disease in humans has been nearly eradicated. In addition, effective treatment has been developed for people bitten by animals suspected of having rabies.

Why are people so concerned about rabies today? Because, despite its decrease in dogs and humans, certain wildlife species remain reservoirs for this deadly virus.

Raccoons, skunks, foxes and bats are most commonly affected. Rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, rats, mice and other small rodents are rarely affected.

Birds, snakes, turtles, other reptiles and amphibians, and insects do not get rabies. Presently, bats are the only animal affected by rabies in Massachusetts.

In 1982 the mid-Atlantic states started experiencing a major outbreak of rabies in raccoons. First identified in Virginia, this outbreak has steadily moved northward and over 200 cases appeared in Connecticut last year.

The virus is expected to infect raccoons in Massachusetts within the next 12 months, probably first in the western part of the state.

Rabies is a viral disease of animals. The disease attacks the brain, causing unusual behavior, convulsions, paralysis, and eventually death.

It is transmitted by a bite or scratch from an infected animal. The virus can also be spread if an infected animal's body fluid touches broken skin or the mucous membranes of the body.

The state Division of Animal Health has recently issued the following directives to all communities:

1. The mid-Atlantic raccoon rabies epizootic is expected to appear in Massachusetts early in 1992. Therefore, it is imperative that every traditional method of rabies protection and every related law be in full and complete compliance.

2. You are herewith notified that a danger of rabies outbreak exists. Every dog in your community must be licensed and full certification of rabies vaccination, by a licensed veterinarian, is required.

3. It is strongly recommended that all house cats be vaccinated.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact your local health department, animal control officer, or contact the Division of Animal Health at (617) 727-3018, extension 165 or 162.

Our next article will deal with "What the Public Should Know About Rabies."

CRP Class Slated At Ag. Police Station

A class in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will be held on February 3rd and 4th, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Department Building, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Rescue breathing, conscious and unconscious choking, and CPR for infants, children, and adults will be covered over two nights. Course material is geared for both the semi-professional and the

general public.

The American Heart Association certification issued through this class will meet many job requirements, such as those for day care providers, babysitters, or scout leaders.

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Managing YOUR STRESS

by Dr. Stephen Sobel
M.S., S.M.C.



AAN: You are no stranger to our readers. Many have greatly enjoyed your column and attended your seminars. Tell us about what will be happening the evenings of February 25th and February 28th.

Dr. Sobel: Some great news! I will be conducting one of my most popular seminars - "The Real Power of Laughter, Humor and Daily Positive Attitude" on the evenings of Tuesday, February 25th and Friday, February 28th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We expect a great and lively crowd!

AAN: Why should people attend?

Dr. Sobel: How can they not! (Just kidding). I will be speaking about how to live a fuller, happier, and successful life. It doesn't matter what you do for a living. In fact, you may not even be working. This seminar will make you feel better about yourself and will give you the ability to truly "take yourself lightly." The payoffs about attending are enormous.

AAN: How important is a positive attitude, really?

Dr. Sobel: Tremendously important. A daily positive attitude allows you to "Keep on keepin' on" when it is so easy to give up and think in negative and pessimistic terms. In fact, dealing with negative influences will be included in the seminar.

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AAN: Can people also find out how to purchase your new book, Dr. Sobel?

Dr. Sobel: Absolutely! The book is titled "The Good Times Handbook - Your Guide To Positive Living and an Exciting Life." We'll tell you how to get it at a pre-publication special price.

I expect the *New York Times* to review my book soon. I would not be surprised if it ends up appearing on their best seller list.

Note: Dr. Sobel will also speak to your company professional or civic group. Call 785-1259 for topic availability. Dr. Sobel is also forming once again his "Adult Self-Esteem Group." This program meets four times and allows no more than seven to ten participants. Call for information. (Each session is two hours and meets at the New England Institute For Stress Management in West Springfield, where Dr. Sobel is Director.)

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Certain measures can be taken to reduce the chance of hypothermia:

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medications increase the rate of heat loss and even reduce or eliminate the body's ability to feel cold.

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- *mental confusion
- *apathetic attitude and diminished physical energy

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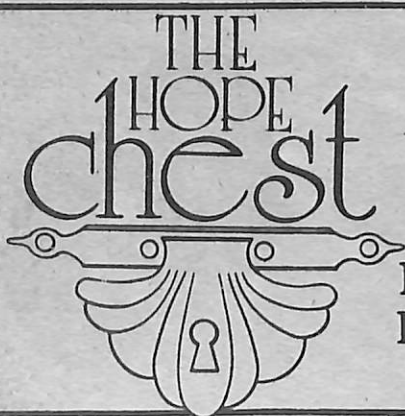
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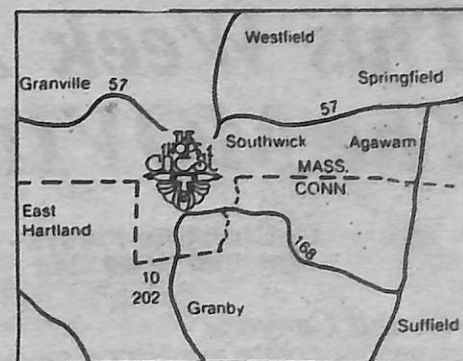


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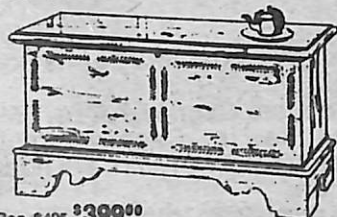
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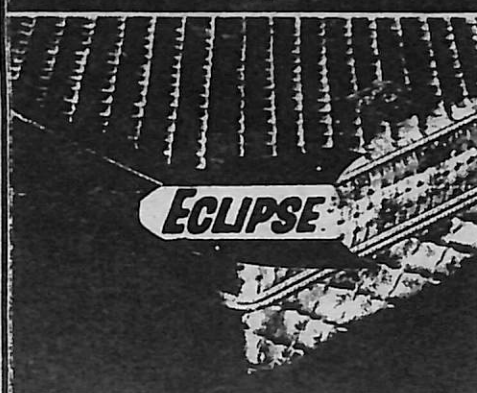
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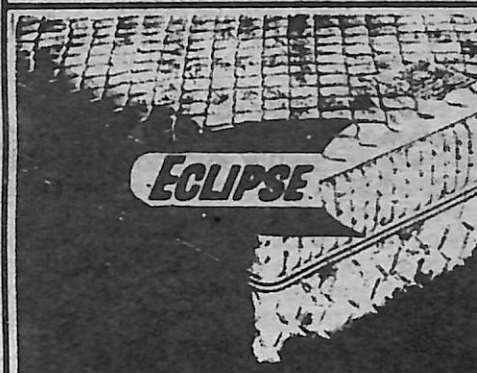
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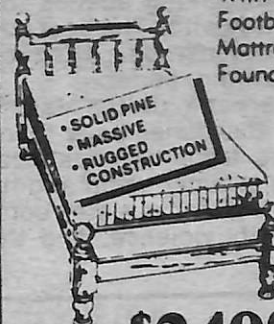
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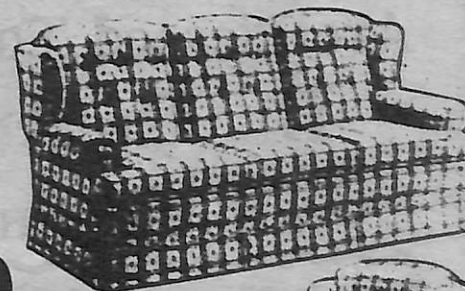
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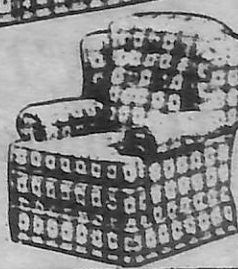
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This Week At The MOVIES

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—Grand Canyon

Hyped for months in advance, touted for Oscar potential, Lawrence Kasdan's *Grand Canyon* falls short of grand, with canyons of boredom stretched between scenes of good (if not great) moments of humanity.

The story of separate lives intertwining begins in a ghetto neighborhood with upwardly mobile executive Mack (Kevin Kline) in the breakdown lane, on the edge of disaster at the hands of a black gang.

Along comes tow truck driver Simon (Danny Glover, the Sidney Poitier of the 90's) to save Mack's wallet, car, car phone and life.

They strike an odd rapport, and then Mack returns to wife Claire (Mary McDonnell) and their teenage son Roberto (Jeremy Sisto).

Mack is an immigration lawyer increasingly engrossed in his own fragile concept of life. Simon is moving from day to day, making a living and providing support in one form or another to his deaf daughter in Washington and his sister in an L.A. slum.

Steve Martin is Davis, Mack's longtime friend and a producer of gory shoot-em-ups on the backlots of Hollywood studios. Davis, in his own nearly fatal encounter with inner-city violence, has a temporary change of heart about the kind of films he's mass-producing.

Mary-Louise Parker is Mack's secretary, Dee, lost in futile longing for her married boss, who's not above a one-night stand in the midst of mid-life crisis.

Alfre Woodard is her best and lonely friend Jane, who has all but given up ever finding Mr. Right and is all-too-sure of which men constitute Mr. Wrong.

Co-written by Kasdan and his wife Meg, *Grand Canyon* gives a collection of individual vignettes with many charming scenes (ones viewers are sure to identify with). The best such sequences involve the Glover/Woodard team. Their first blind date is, in a word, perfect.

As the story unfolds, the Mack-Claire team wind up with an abandoned baby found in the bushes; son Roberto tenderly empathizes with a young charge at a summer camp and has his first taste of first love; Simon's sister comes face to face with inner city violence; and the ever-meddling



THE CAST OF "Grand Canyon," now playing at the Showcase Cinemas in West Springfield.

Mack questions his own existence and the meaning of life.

The dialogue and storyboard ramble along, with characters spouting diatribes on life, living, loving, longing and learning—all of which half sounds like long-submerged 1960's rhetoric regurgitated from the mouths of 1990's yuppies (Simon excepted). The worst of the lot is Martin, whose reason for being is left unclear in terms of this screenplay.

All events related and otherwise lead our stars to the edge of the Grand Canyon, which is supposed to make life's little ups and downs (attempted murder, adultery, abandoned children, etc.) look paltry by contrast.

It tries hard, succeeds occasionally, but on the whole is simply one long movie to sit through. The ending—in comparison to the onset—is so short-lived that any potential impact is lost beneath its closing credits.

—Juice

Juice is a far cry from *Boyz in the Hood*, trying hard to make a statement about survival and ghet-

to life, and failing to capture the heart of its controversial predecessor.

There's a scene in James Cagney's *White Heat* where rebellion results in Cagney's self-destruction, and the characters in *Juice* are headed in the same direction.

Four angry young men from different family styles (all ghetto-born) are about to collide with tragedy. Violence, it seems, gives one "the juice." For juice, read power and respect.

Juice loses power via its screenplay, which has Bishop, Raheem, Q and Steel living day-to-day in a world of violence, crime, brutality and disrespect—all of which flare out of control when Bishop, in a moment of irrational violence, kills the shopkeeper he is robbing. He turns the gun on his friend Raheem and later on Steel. Ultimately, he comes gunning for Q, the only one who has his sights set beyond the Harlem horizons.

Juice, in trying to show its slice of life, cuts too thinly, leaving good intentions bleeding onto the cutting room floor.

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Despite A Few Great Moments, StageWest's *My Children, My Africa!* Drawn Out

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Athol Fugard's *My Children! My Africa!*, now playing at StageWest in Springfield, has moments of greatness strategically placed to awaken viewers and revive them after the elongated monologues and motionless scenes of this three-hour drama.

Fugard, himself a South African native, based his play on a true story from the 1985 revolt against apartheid and the boycott of African schools.

My Children! My Africa! tells the story of a white girl, Isabel (Jennifer Woodward), and Thami Mblkwana (Alvin Alexis), who in the first scene are on opposite sides in an interracial school debate, a debate that leads to a teaming of white girl and black youth for an English Literature competition.

Guiding their efforts is a black teacher, Mr. M (Robert Colston).

The action of the play is interspersed with monologues about apartheid, education, segregation, human values, and human perspectives.

The setting is starkly simple: a hexagon of parquet flooring, a desk, chair, blackboard and benches, a chair and footstool. Three broken walls of brick and stones, testament to poverty and revolution.

The intermittent moments of power were too few and far between to sustain interest, in part because director David Eppel (whose rapid-fire manipulations in last season's *The Mystery of Irma Vep* kept that show on a hilarious roll) hardly let this trio move at all.

Colston's voice, however powerful and moving, needed a gesture or two, movement, a change of

entry, to vary itself over three hours.

Woodward gave a credible first effort in professional theater but failed to achieve the credibility integral to the role.

Alexis, too, fell short; giving credence to the innocent schoolboy but failing to muster the passion needed as a revolutionary.

The first act, at one hour and 45 minutes, was in need of paring down. Act two, shorter and more to the point, caught fire at times, especially when Colston, in defiance of a boycott of black schools, keeps ringing the brass schoolbell and calling the roster of student names.

In the real world, this true story resulted in the killing of an African teacher, a victim of a mob burning.

Colston's performance, with his booming voice and impassioned performance, was the high point of the show, which suffered from Eppel's motionless direction.

Fugard, in writing about theater, expounded on the ability of an audience to listen, but he did not take into account the clarity of the spoken word (African and British accents marred his message on this stage).

Mr. M's statements of time passing, of humanity's being "too late" at times, were mesmerizing, as was his classroom rampage prior to his death.

But *My Children! My Africa!* is a prime example of how less could have been more, and more should have been done with less.

My Children! My Africa's only true mistake is taking too long to tell its motionless tale.



CAST MEMBERS FROM THE CURRENT StageWest production, *My Children, My Africa!* include Robert Colston (left) and Alvin Alexis.

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Suffield Players Busily Preparing For "Dark Lady"

The halls and stairways of 1305 Mapleton Avenue have been reverberating with the echoing sounds of hammers, saws and drills as the Suffield Players ready the set for their upcoming production of *Dark Lady* by Karen Sunde.

The production, scheduled to open Thursday, February 20th, will run through the weekends of February 21st-22nd, 28th-29th, and March 6th-7th at historic Mapleton Hall in Suffield, CT.

The play, which takes place during the plague years of Elizabethan England, takes a fresh look at literature's great mystery—who was Shakespeare's Dark Lady of the Sonnets?

This is not a dried historical portrait of stilted characters speaking archaic words, but rather, a passionate look at two earthy and very human people caught in a struggle for artistic and personal freedom in a repressive society.

Capturing the times in both the theatrical setting and costumes has been a challenge to the Players, who are not without experience in mounting such task-oriented productions. In the past 11 years of entering shows in state drama competitions, the Players have won awards for set design eight times and costume design seven times.

Dark Lady offers the Players another opportunity to test the creative depth of their membership, as they call upon their resources to create, in historical detail, the clothing and furnishings of the late 16th century Elizabethan period.

"The set has been of primary focus these past three weekends," said director Lyle Pearsons, who is also acting as set designer. "It is paramount that the actors become as familiar and comfortable with their environment in order to portray believable characters."

"If their binding corsets and farthingales are not everyday wear to them, and the stone arches and gilded furniture around them feel cold and distant, the actors will give a sense of being out of their element and the audience won't believe their words or actions."

So the construction of the set—a gothic-looking structure of pillars and arches spanning the 30-foot width of the Hall and expanding an extra eight feet into the audience area—took place early in rehearsal.

Constructed by students from the University of Connecticut, the stone work has been safely stored by Pearsons in his garage for two years.

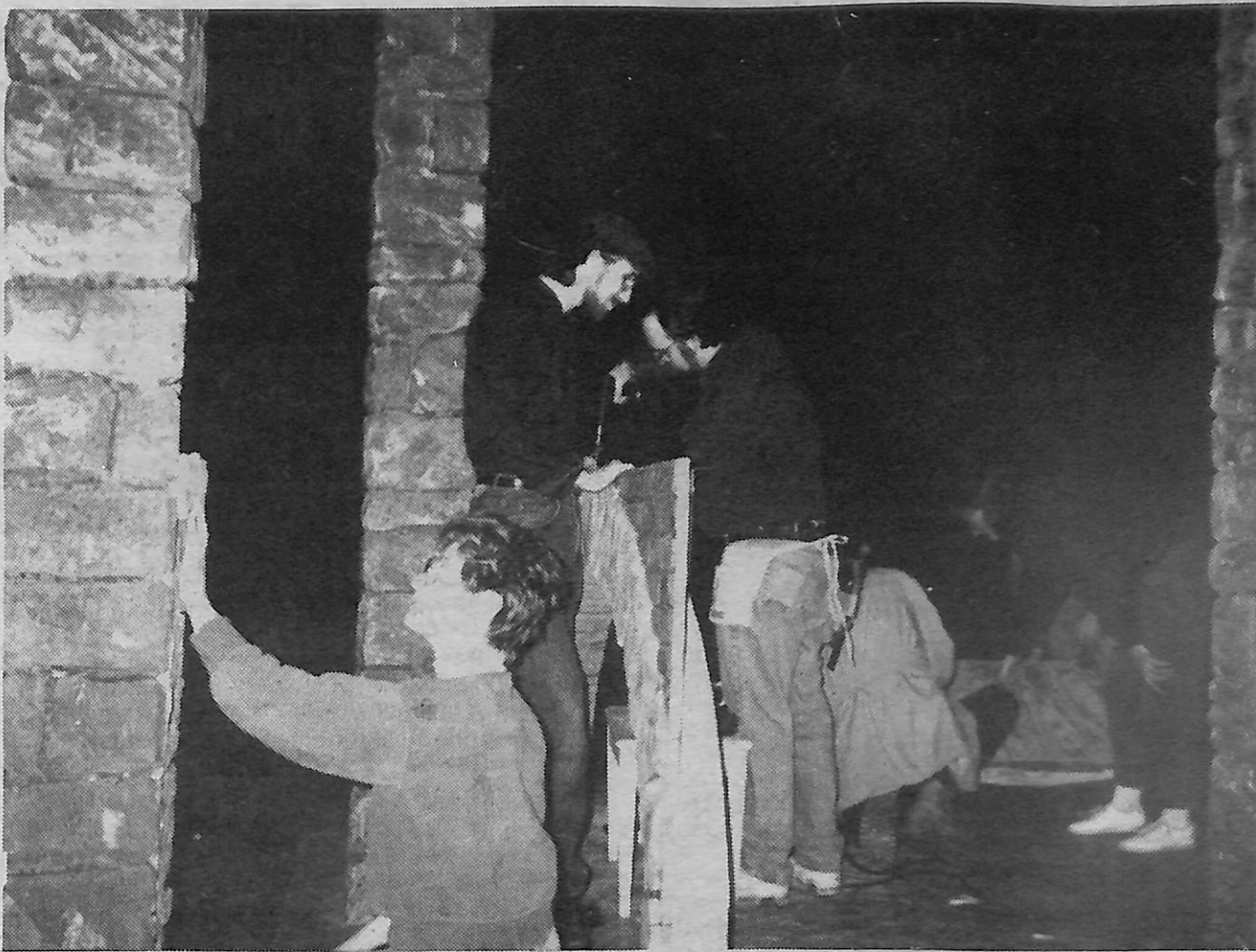
"I've been waiting for a show like *Dark Lady* to make use of these monolithic structures," said Pearsons. "Now, the Players have a grand set and I have room in my garage for my car."

Pearsons likened it to constructing a giant 3-D puzzle where none of the pieces fit. "My crew had to trust that I knew what I was doing when I asked them to put this pillar here and this arch there. I took many steps back to reassure myself that the vision would work. I'm very proud of the result."

The Players have set this coming Sunday (January 26th) as the last full construction day and welcome anyone who would like to lend a hammer and a hand.

Tickets will go on sale for *Dark Lady* February 1st, and seats may be reserved by calling the Pioneer Answering Service at (203) 627-5749. For further information on working backstage, call Lyle Pearsons at (203) 668-0858.

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SUFFIELD PLAYERS BEGIN CONSTRUCTION of "*Dark Lady*" set. The show is scheduled to open February 20th at historic Mapleton Hall. The gothic-looking structure is one of the largest and most elaborate created by the award-winning theatre group.

Victory Players Plan Next Holyoke Show

The Victory Players will set the stage for all lovers in a pre-Valentine's Day dinner theater production of "Affairs of the Heart," to be presented February 1st and again on February 8th at the Yankee Pedlar Opera House in Holyoke.

Dinner is 7:00 p.m. and curtain time for the original musical revue is 8:15 p.m.

"While the major theme is one of love and affection, built musically around a series of love songs, there is a clear undercurrent of the battle of the sexes throughout," said Linda Goss, artistic director for the Victory Players.

Musical selections will include songs by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Irving Berlin, and Cole Porter.

Appearing in the musical revue are William Hungerford and Shon Cox-Doucette, both of Northampton; June Melchior of Amherst; David Labigalini of Springfield; Steve Curylo of Chicopee; and Mary Jane Schulze of Ludlow.

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The historic Village, located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, is seeking adult volunteers for its Look Back and Little Red School House week day school programs. Those interested should be available from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at least one day a week.

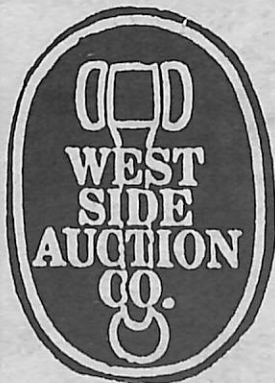
Seize the opportunity to work with a great group of volunteers and some great children age seven to nine. Training begins February 5th for the winter program.

The Village is also looking for adult and teenage volunteers to participate as costumed interpreters of 19th century living history and crafts. Training is provided for all volunteers who will fill the roles as villagers in homes and buildings and as staff in two Village Gift Shops—The Storowton Village Gift Shop and the Potter General Store.

Whether you are already familiar with Storowton Village Museum or would like to learn more about us, the Village is interested in talking with you.

Call Dennis Picard, program coordinator, at 787-0136 for more information about the volunteer program.

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For more Rainbow Trout recipes, or information, send a stamped, self-addressed, business size envelope to: Winter Menus c/o SY&T Kitchens, 1000 Sansome Street, Suite 375, San Francisco, CA, 94111.

RAINBOW TROUT WITH SPINACH AND RED PEPPER PUREE

- 1 jar (7 ounces) roasted red peppers
- 1½ tablespoons finely chopped fresh basil or 2 teaspoons dried basil
- 4 Clear Springs® Brand Idaho Rainbow Trout fillets (4 ounces each)
- 2 tablespoons balsamic or red wine vinegar
- 8 cups spinach leaves, cleaned and torn
- ¼ cup water
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons minced shallot

In food processor or blender, puree peppers and

basil until smooth; set aside. In shallow microwave-safe dish arrange trout skin-side down. Brush flesh-side with vinegar. Cover; microwave 4 to 6 minutes or until trout turns opaque. Cover to keep warm. In a large microwave-safe bowl toss spinach in water, oil and shallots; microwave 1½ minutes. Toss and microwave 1 minute longer. Place spinach mixture on each plate, top with trout and drizzle with pepper puree. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings. Nutrient information (approximate) per serving: Calories 278, Protein 25g, Carbohydrate 5g, Fat 18g, Sodium 86mg, Cholesterol 86mg.

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For more recipes featuring pimiento—the pleasing pepper—send a SASE to: Pimiento Recipes, 1024 10th Street, Suite B101, Sacramento, CA, 95814.

PIMIENTO PASTA SALAD

- 2 jars (4 ounces each) sliced pimientos, separated and drained
- ½ cup olive oil
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 2 medium cloves garlic
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- 8 ounces uncooked penne pasta or mostaccioli, cooked and drained
- ½ cup thinly sliced yellow onion
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
- 2 ounces Parmesan cheese, thinly sliced and broken into pieces
- Salt and pepper to taste

In electric blender container, combine 1 jar pimientos with oil, lemon juice, garlic, chili powder and cumin. Whirl until smooth. For salad, combine cooked pasta with onion, cilantro or parsley, Parmesan cheese and remaining jar of pimientos. Pour dressing over and toss to coat. Add salt and pepper if desired. Serve chilled as a salad or heat for a colorful main dish. Makes 12 (½ cup) servings.

Agawam Poet...

Agnes R. Neylon Smith

A Tribute To Dr. King

*He had dreams like the Man who preached on the hill,
He tried to spread the "Word of God, and His Will";
He prayed men would live as sister and brother,
And throughout all Eternity,
"Love One Another";*

*Like the Man from Nazareth, he taught
"Love and Peace";
And implored that all prejudice and hatred,
would cease;
In the hearts of mankind, he tried to instill,
The "Commandments of God," for them to fulfill;*

*He tried to keep them from going astray,
He faithfully guided them the righteous way;
God bestowed him with a very special calling,
To enlighten men's souls, and parry their falling;*

*In the eyes of God, everyone on this Earth,
Was equally born, and of commensurate worth;
He made each one different, with his own special gift,
To take care of His Earth, and its people, uplift;*

*He walked among men, in all walks of life,
Some paths were friendly, some lined with strife;
Jesus and His followers, also weathered their plight,
With harassment, and stoning, and scourges of fight;*

*Many have come with God's Truths to unfold,
And "The Sermon on the Mount,"
to faithfully uphold;
But the road is arduous, with obstacles, unending,
And the course bound in right,
has no wayward wending;*

*Martin Luther King followed many who suffered strife,
Their zealous commitment, brought an end to their life;
He too, was struck down, by an immoral hand,
Spreading sorrow and lamenting, all over the land;*

*This abyss can't be filled, for its depth is so vast,
It embraced all life's virtues, that held us so fast;
We pay homage today, to the man with the dream,
If we follow in his footsteps, this world, we'll redeem;*

*We must fervently strive, to make his dream come true,
And each day of our lives, let his
teachings shine through;
The World has lost a very dear friend,
Who came to this Earth, for its ills, to amend;*

*His goodness reflects from all things on this Earth,
Let's honor and revere him, on the day of his birth.*

We Need You!

The Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee is still \$20,000 short of the \$52,000 needed to bring Mico Kaufman's sculpture "Water" to Feeding Hills. We are planning a series of fundraising and awareness events and could use some additional community input and involvement. Of course, your financial support is welcome as well. If you'd like to make a donation or get involved with our fundraising, please contact any member. Our address is P.O. Box 537, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts 01030 or you can contact our chairman, Marilyn Curry at 786-1452.

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British Police Officers Probably Will Soon Carry Firearms!

by Robert D. Chadbourne
Advertiser News Contributing Writer

There is no one on earth more decent and polite than a British police officer. I don't know whether they bring it with them from the home of their parents, or acquire it in the classrooms of their police academies, but they are to a man (person) the sort you would instantly like and trust.

To put it another way, they inspire respect, and as a result, have never found themselves in situations so sticky that they've felt the need for anything so distasteful as a gun. They seem to be able to bring any situation under control through the mere presence and demeanor of themselves. When they make an arrest it is with dignity, and the chap charged respects his officer and trusts him to assure he will not be mistreated.

Sad to report, the end is near. It's not happening all at once, and it isn't affecting every officer, but the UK is beginning to arm its police.

Terrorism has done it. When the common criminal thought it over and looked at all the water surrounding England, it would quickly become apparent that the country can be rapidly shut down by blocking exits at air and waterways. Better to try to blend into the heather than flee the country with pistol in pocket.

Well, that's rational thinking, and terrorists aren't big in that department. With the saying, "One man's terrorist in another man's freedom fighter," the fanatic of today is all too willing to go down in a blaze of glory for a cause he probably doesn't understand.

And, so it began in England. Of course you'd want to arm the security force at 10 Downing Street. For sure you'd need maximum protection at England's four major airports. Who knows which nation is going to hate which nation when and for what reason, so the section of London where embassies are clustered require instant response lest innocents get caught in the crossfire.

In arming police officers, weapons aren't handed out to be carried from this day forth. Rather, they are issued and withdrawn as likelihood of need increases and decreases. Officials found themselves in that position 2,857 times last year.

Younger, routinely assigned officers favor being permanently armed, although the action would be in such stark contrast to British tradition. Those in favor are only a tiny fraction (over 50 percent, according to polls). There is also a concept of creating firearms specialists, men in mobile armor-protected vehicles, armed to the teeth and equipped with body armor, blazing lights, and booming public address equipment, designed to reduce a gun-wielder to the feeling of being an ant about to be pounded by a hammer.

It's interesting to go over the qualifications an officer must meet for selection to firearms duty. A display of loyalty, judgment, and self-reliance, of course. But, he can also be rejected for having a weak common voice and an inability to control sweating under stress. Also, anyone who displays a love of guns is immediately eliminated.

Being a gentleman and keeping a stiff upper lip are most important. Even if there's an automatic weapon rammed against it.



in
old
Agawam
by Edith LaFrancis
Town Historian

Ag. Town Leader Willis Campbell

Willis Campbell, who was born in 1856 in the brick house at Agawam Center, spent his entire life of 59 years in Agawam and took great interest in all phases of town life. He was selectman and assessor for several years, tax collector for three years. He was constable and police officer at Riverside Grove. When the brick town buildings were built in 1874, he took care of the one at Agawam Center, a task which he continued until shortly before his death. He was Superintendent of Streets for many years and the rip-raping work on the Connecticut River bank was done under his direction.

He laid out the long line of bicycle paths around the town, which were so much used in the 1890's and for this job he was paid by the Agawam and Springfield bicycle clubs. In those days, a trip from Springfield to New Gate Prison at Copper Hill in East Granby was considered one of the "pleasantest runs in the vicinity" according to one enthusiastic writer, "the road being so good and free from hills that a seasoned rider can easily make it without dismount." On this trip the riders came across South End Bridge, along River Road to the distillery, where the path turned south, "the course of the famous Massasoit road race of '95."

Mr. Campbell also laid out and cared for the small parks in various parts of the town. For two years he was substitute letter carrier for Agawam when the route was established in 1900.

Besides these things, he was an expert hunter. From boyhood he showed interest in outdoor life, collecting bird's eggs, rocks, etc. His greatest

success in this field was his collection of Indian relics. On his father's farm he found arrow heads in the plowed fields. He knew all the sites where Indians had once had camping places and often found arrows and other implements there. On his four trips to western states he searched for relics and obtained valuable specimens. His fine collection was valued at a high figure. He received an offer from Amherst College for it and sold all but two hundred items, which he hoped to save for his own town.



In 1879 Mr. Campbell married Miss Lucy Gallup Sikes of Agawam. In 1880 he bought the place below the cemetery on Main Street then known as the Freeman place. His farming centered on the growing of fruit trees and he also engaged in cutting off woodlots and selling the timber.

He was educated in Agawam Schools and also the Connecticut Literary Institute and Burnett's School of Springfield. His wide knowledge of the out of doors was something that he searched out for himself. He packed a varied life into his short span of 59 years and was 100 percent an Agawam Citizen.

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MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni

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Arts Council May Compile Artisans' Register

The Agawam Arts & Humanities Council is interested in compiling an Agawam Artist/Artisan Register. Information is now being requested from Agawam and Feeding Hills artists and artisans.

Anyone interested in being included in this register may send a brief history to the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council by April 1st, 1992. Please include the following vital information:

Name - address - telephone number;
Medium;
Education in medium (if any);
Number of years involved in (if any);
Exhibits and shows, with dates (if any).
Typically, the interested artist will be involved in original oils, watercolor, acrylics, and mixed

media. Included will be artisans who create original two- and three-dimensional art work with wood, clay, glass, metal, jewelry, leather, paper, fiber, etc.

Based on the response received by April 1st, future plans for the association may include monthly networking meetings and exhibitions of art works, and other activities that would be of interest to the group.

Interested parties should forward their biographies as outlined above to the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council, c/o Beverly Secondo-Wands, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

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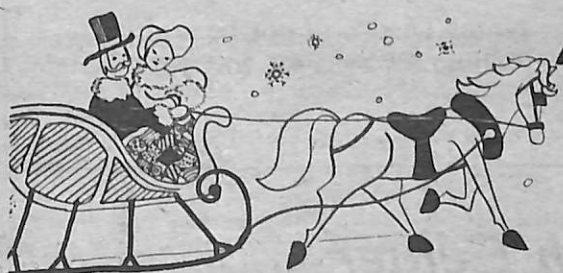
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AGAWAM STUDENTS Nicole Mullaney, Jonathan Archambault, and Danny Shaw show-off skills learned in physical education classes. MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. photo courtesy of Amy Machacos.



AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, from left Jennifer Modezlesky, Kerry McGeoghan, Jennifer Sommer, Laura Charest, Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, Michelle Reynolds, and Amanda Sternowski perform during halftime at a recent Agawam High varsity basketball game. photo courtesy of Amy Machacos.

Phys. Ed. Prowess Displayed By Ag. Kids

by Irls Copson
School Dept. Editor

The latest techniques of physical education taught to students in Agawam elementary schools and at the Middle School will be on display during several of the varsity basketball games this season.

Kathleen McSweeney, Director of Physical Education, said, "This project is being done to expose the latest teachings throughout the Agawam Public School System."

Forty Granger Elementary School students demonstrated "Scarf Juggling" under the direction of their P.E. instructor Paul Baccini during half-time of the Agawam High School girls' varsity

basketball game last Friday, January 17th.

The AHS vs. Cathedral game began at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym, and all Physical Education Demonstration Nights will be conducted during home games for Agawam teams.

The next scheduled display will be held during half-time of the varsity girls' AHS vs. Longmeadow game on Tuesday, February 4th, which begins at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

Clark and Phelps Elementary Schools will be square dancing for the audience. There will be 30 participants for the Physical Education Demonstration under the direction of P.E. instruc-

tor Kirk Parker.

On Tuesday, February 11th, 50 Agawam Middle School students will perform a "Step Aerobics" demonstration under the direction of P.E. instructor Lou Conte during half-time of the AHS varsity boys' basketball team. The AHS vs. Minnechaug game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

The final display will consist of 40 participants from the Robinson Park and Clark Elementary Schools performing "The Electric Slide." The date and time will be announced in the near future, according to Miss McSweeney.



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Schools Show-Off Phys. Ed. Prowess



AGAWAM STUDENTS Jennifer Marr and Kerry McGeoghan (top photo) and Peter Hopkins (bottom photo) entertain the crowd during halftime at an Agawam High varsity basketball game. **RELATED STORY AND PHOTOS ON Page 32.** Photos courtesy of Amy Machacos.



AHS Band Parents Slate Band-A-Thon

The Agawam High School's Bands and Band Parents Association will be running a Band-a-thon to help raise money for the purchase of new uniforms on Friday, February 7th, through Saturday, February 8th.

Several performance events are scheduled for this 15-hour event, including a Band Alumni concert.

The Alumni portion of this event will be in two parts, including an alumni Jazz Band, and a larger alumni Concert/Marching Band. The Jazz Band will play at about 9:00 p.m. on Friday, and the Concert/Marching Band will play at about 10:00 p.m. under the direction of guest conductor Darcy Davis.

If there is enough interest, there will even be an Alumni Colorguard.

Any former band members who are interested in being a part of this event should contact Band Director Scott Thomson at Agawam High School at 789-1400, extension 410.

Middle School Guidance Dept. News

The Middle School Guidance Office wishes to advise parents that report cards for the second marking period will be issued on or about January 31st.

The counselors urge parents to contact the guidance office if they see any problems on these report cards. There is still time for most students to improve their standing, but any difficulties should be addressed as soon as possible.

Midyear at the Middle School will be on January 27th. At that time, the sixth grade students who are in the art and music program will change to the home economics and technology education program. Those sixth grade students who are presently in home economics and technology education sequence will switch to the art and music schedule.

Fifth grade students who are presently taking art will begin taking music at midyear. Those fifth graders taking music will begin the art program. Students in both grades will spend two periods

a week during one of the four terms in computer class. The computer program gives all of the students an opportunity to learn about how computers work, and an opportunity to familiarize themselves with how to use them.

In the area of study skills, the fifth grade students have recently watched a video which presents new ideas on improving their marks on tests. These students have gained new insights into such topics as outlining, memory techniques and developing a positive attitude toward tests. The students discussed the video with a counselor and completed a study sheet on the video which they were allowed to keep and take home.

Earlier in the year, the sixth grade students reviewed with a counselor the study skills program, which was begun in the fifth grade. This included completing a written review sheet on such topics as keeping regular study hours and having a quiet place in which to study.

Winter Pool Classes

Week Of Jan. 6th Thru Week Of Feb. 24th

BABY AND ME:

3 - 24 months

Baby's first water experience, designed to enhance physical ability by providing a new environment in which the child can move about. Emphasis is on the parents and children having fun and enjoying the water.

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Tuesday Jan. 7th - Feb. 25th
Members - \$25.00

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Non-Members - \$35.00

BABY SWIM & GYM:

3 months - 2½ years

This class is geared to "having fun" with parents as instructors providing their child with a secure, caring, loving environment to create a positive attitude towards water and exercise—an important foundation to last a lifetime through parent's example. A 30 minute gym session and a 30 minute pool session. Eight week sessions. Meets once per week.

Wednesday Jan. 8th - Feb. 26th
Members - \$35.00

9:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Non-Members - \$45.00

TODDLER SWIM & GYM:

2½ - 5 years (Mon. or Thurs.)

Class will help improve pre-schooler's self-confidence, independence, motor coordination, hand-eye and foot-eye coordination, teach them to wait their turn, and develop socialization skills in both the gym and the pool. A 30 - 40 minute pool session followed by a 30 minute gym period. Eight week sessions. Meets once per week.

Monday Jan. 6th - Feb. 24th
Thursday Jan. 9th - Feb. 27th
Members - \$40.00

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Non-Members - \$50.00

BEGINNER SWIM LESSONS:

5 - 10 years

This program introduces children to the basic skills of swimming and enjoyment of the water. Front and back float, breathing techniques, and safety skills will be covered. Each child is encouraged to progress at his/her own level. Eight week sessions. Meets once per week.

*New
Day!*

Wednesday Jan. 8th - Feb. 26th
Members - \$36.00

4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Non-Members - \$46.00

*New
Time!*

ADVANCED BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE SWIM LESSONS:

10-plus years

Pre-requisite for this class is successful completion of the Beginner Swim Class or the Beginner Level Skills Test. This class will introduce the student to the basic swim strokes of the front crawl, back crawl, sidestroke, and breaststroke. Eight week sessions. Meets once per week.

*New
Day!*

Wednesday Jan. 8th - Feb. 26th
Members - \$36.00

5:15 - 6:00 p.m.
Non-Members - \$46.00

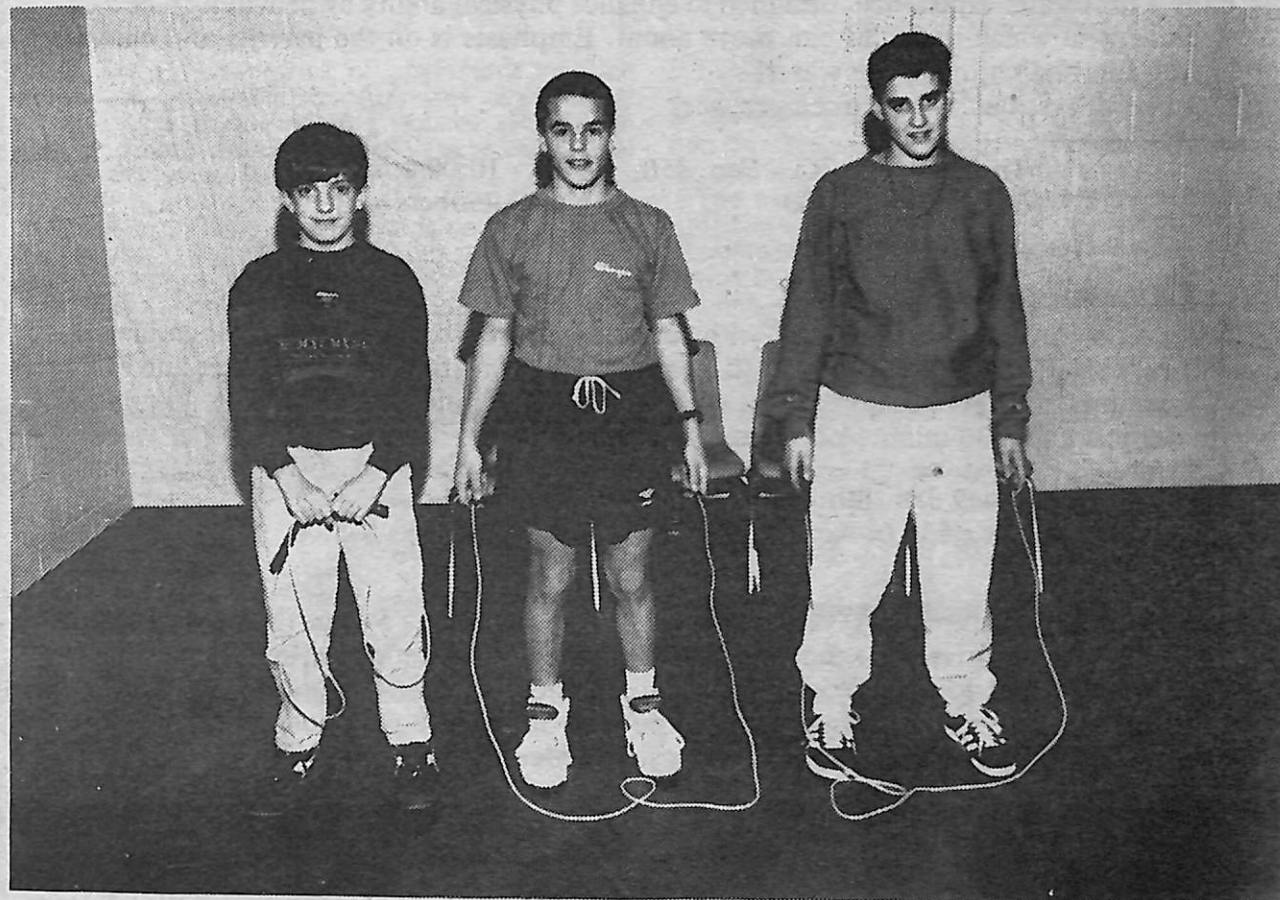
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ABOUT TO SHOW THEIR SKILLS in jumping rope are Agawam Junior High Non-Users Club members, from left - Christie Ronca, Melody Alvarado, and Lindsay White. The girls were part of 50 students who participated in the event that benefitted the American Heart Association. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JUNIOR HIGH NON-USERS Club members, from left - Ed Shibley, Jason Jean, and John Higgins helped to raise money for the American Heart Association. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jr. High Non-Users "Jump Rope" For Heart Association

by Irls Copson
School Dept. Editor

On Wednesday, January 15th, approximately 50 members of the Non-Users Club organized into eight teams in the Agawam Junior High School gymnasium to "Jump Rope for Heart."

These student-teams took turns jumping rope from 2:30 p.m. to approximately 3:45 p.m., with each teammate jumping consistently for two minutes.

Jumpers rotated in sequence, trying to jump continuously for the maximum time period. Each member secured pledges for each minute the team jumped.

"Jump Rope for Heart" is a national event for students to promote physical education and cardiovascular health while raising funds to help local Heart Associations fight against heart disease and stroke.

According to the American Heart Association, heart disease and stroke kill more people annually than all other causes of death combined.

Non-Users Club advisors joined physical educators throughout the state to sponsor "Jump Rope for Heart" in conjunction with the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Individual prizes for pledges included jump ropes, water bottles, t-shirts, spy cameras, stop-watches, sports bags, sweatshirts, and a radio-cassette player for top winners.

Several Non-Users advisors (Junior High teachers Jim Ryan, Andy Krauss, Marie Mazza, and Debbie LaMontte) came dressed to assist the teams in their continuous jumping.

Advisors Ellie Placzak (Home/School Adjustment Counselor), Marilyn Johnson, R.N., and Gerry O'Malley kept things organized and under control while music encouraged students to aerobicize.

Assistant Principal Kevin Littlefield thought the marathon was a great idea as he watched from the sidelines.

On Wednesday, February 12th, O'Malley and Ryan will speak at Storowton Tavern during a Rotary Club meeting to make a plea to local businesses to promote enthusiasm and support for the Non-Users Club at the Junior High School.

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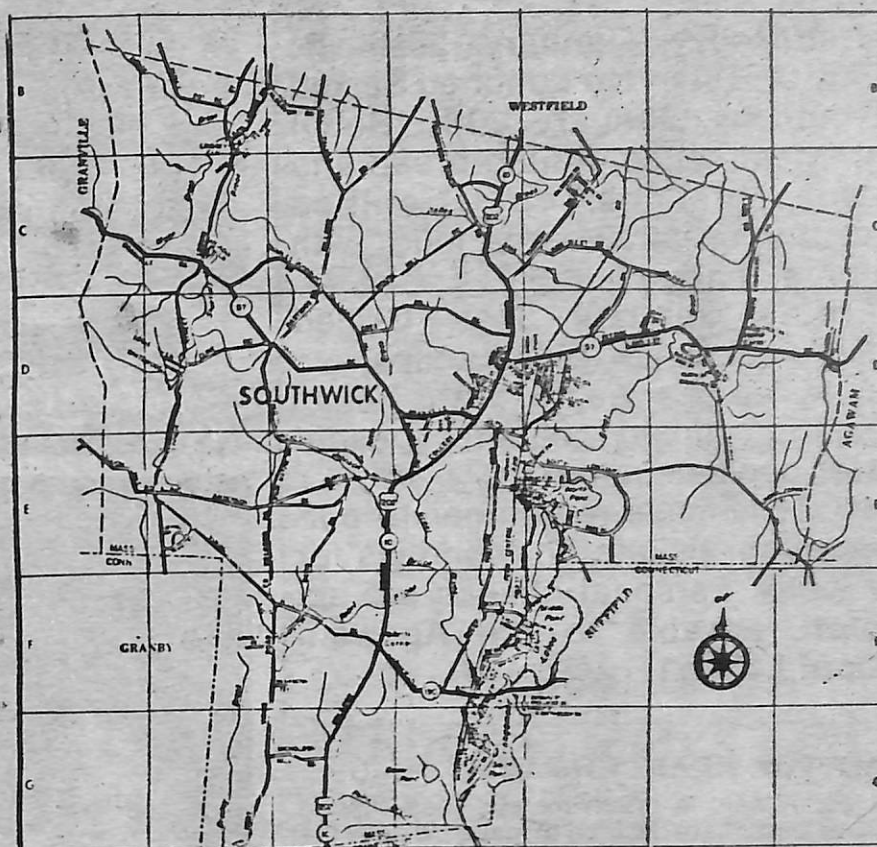


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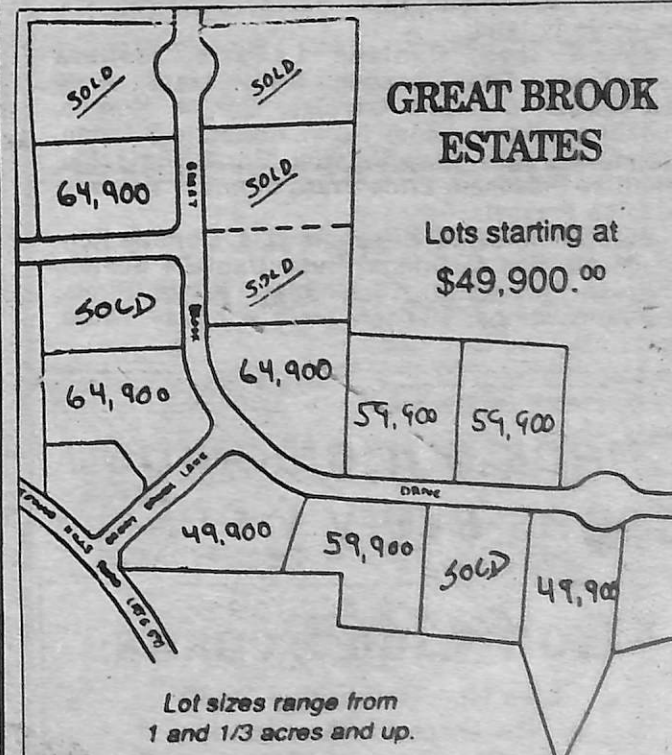
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Friday, January 31st: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, tossed garden salad with Italian dressing, chilled pears or peanut butter cookies, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the **Agawam School Lunch**.)

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O'Malley said in return for business support, the Non-Users have decided to make a plaque that will hang in the display case foyer at the school with the names of businesses that participate.

"It will be an Honor Roll of businesses that contribute in whatever way they can to our club," said O'Malley.

For the month of February, O'Malley said the Non-Users are hoping to sponsor a Sports Card Show & Swap with memorabilia and a Three-Point Foul Shooting Contest.

In March, the Non-Users Club will hold a dance with Locomotion Promotion from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Junior High gym on Friday, March 6th.

The same dance was held last year and was a great success, with students participating in lip-synching contests and dance contests in which prizes were given away.

As for the recently held "Jump Rope for Heart," here are the names of the students who volunteered their time for that worthy fundraiser:

Melissa Almquist, Melody Alvarado, Gwen Beaver, Ellen Bellerose, Stephanie Bliza, Heather Cassidy, Melissa Chiarella, Jessica Couture, Kirsten Decoteau, Pam Eaton, Kim Faust, Natana Galindrez, Christina Gibson, Jennifer Giroux, Melanie Guillemette, Alisa Harvey, John Higgins, Courtne Hyland.

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Band Parents Hold Bottle Drive At Soda City



THE AGAWAM HIGH Band Parents Association once again had a successful Can & Bottle Drive at Dave's Soda & Pet Food City on January 11th. The Band Parents again thank owner and operator Dave Ratner for his generosity. **IN TOP PHOTO**, Band Parents pictured are Ron Bennett, Virginia M. White, and Ted Zern; **IN PHOTO LEFT** are Pat Lalancette, Chris Mangano, and Dee Ziegert.

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CONTRACT - from Page 1...

Vice-Chairwoman Teresa Kozloski will head the subcommittee, which includes Linda Galarneau and Roberta Doering.

Johnson said that under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, the two bids that had already been submitted by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and New England School Development Council offered "two different levels of services" and could be successfully challenged on that basis.

He explained that was why the subcommittee had to form requests for specifics in a proposal, and added that time was of the essence in order to have a new superintendent in place by September.

Mrs. Doering said the entire process was expected to take "about six months." Member Louise David suggested that the committee consider a transitional period of adjustment and a contract that ran consistent with the fiscal year (beginning in July).

Johnson responded to Mrs. David by saying that it was important to first clarify a timetable to establish interviewing semifinalists and finalists, and decide if there will be any outside participation to remain on track.

"We have to have a game plan, and stick by it," he said.

Under a discussion regarding the School Committee's longtime lawyer, John Teahan, Johnson referred to a copy of "the minutes of a July 2nd meeting, a letter from Attorney Teahan to Louis Massola (as School Committee Chair at that time) on July 30th, the agreement (Teahan's contract) itself, (requested) bills, with a copy of vendor print-out for this fiscal year."

He noted, "Concerning the status of the existing contract, the more times I go through it as an attorney, and I'm not speaking now as chairman or as a member (but as an attorney), the more confusion that it generates for me."

He said, "The School Committee took two actions with regard to it. The first was to approve it on June 25th; the second was to rescind it on July 2nd."

Then, on September 24th, the School Committee executed this contract, with the majority of members signing it.

Johnson added, "Looking at it now, there are a host of legal arguments that can be made concerning what the status of it is, but I think it is in full

force and effect at this time because it was executed nearly two months after its rescission."

Johnson said the issue had been raised by various present board members whether they had the ability as a new School Committee to bring in a new lawyer.

Johnson said it would be negotiable with Attorney Teahan, and the Committee unanimously voted to "notify Attorney Teahan that the School Committee request him to come to the February 11th meeting to discuss his agreement (contract) with the School Committee during an executive session."

Johnson said, "I think there are portions of the contract that are unconscionable. It was in very poor taste of the School Committee to approve it. That's my legal opinion as well as my political opinion."

He added, "They are binding future School Committees to legal representation, which in all sense of the words, is personal; it's a personal service contract."

It was also stated that the contract did not hold any provision for either party to break the contract. Johnson reiterated the fact that this was why he felt the contract was "unconscionable."

Member Susan Pettazzoni directed a question to Superintendent James Bruno, saying, "Have we ever had a contract with an attorney before?" Bruno responded, "Not to my knowledge."

Mrs. Pettazzoni also asked if Attorney Teahan's contract was similar to the town solicitor's, and Johnson said it was different because "Teahan is a 1099 employee of the town. He receives no retainer."

Johnson said, "Paragraph 4 (of the contract) purports to bind future School Committees to appropriate funds for the contract. This is something you cannot do in any municipal contract."

"The money has to be appropriated every year. You cannot force a legislative body to appropriate via contract."

Mrs. Galarneau suggested that the board adopt a policy with regard to the School Committee's attorney. Johnson replied, "I think that we should adopt a policy, regardless of whether we disturb this contract or not. I would not want to bind future School Committees to any representation."

He concluded, "If you are going to sign a contract, the opportune time to enter that arrangement is when the School Committee is first elected, and the opportune term of that contract coincides with their term of office."

James Clark PTO To Meet Jan. 29th

On Wednesday, January 29th, the James Clark PTO will hold a general meeting at 7:00 p.m. All parents and teachers are encouraged to attend.

Mrs. Ann Bradford, teacher of the gifted for grade four throughout Agawam, will talk about nurturing the joy of learning in children.

She will share from her experience in designing curriculum and activities to enable young people to take responsibility for their own growth in learning and to experience the joy that learning brings.

It will be a participatory session in which those attending will share each others' experiences and ideas.

The meeting's agenda will include upcoming special events, treasurer's report, and input from parents and teachers. Also, come try the Spring Fundraiser chocolates, as samples will be available.

Special Ed. Records To Be Destroyed

The Agawam Public Schools' Department of Special Services hereby notifies individuals, who were formally enrolled in special services in Agawam prior to January 1st, 1975, that their special services records will be destroyed 14 days from the date of this publication.

Anyone who wants their records must notify Agawam Special Services, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030, in writing by February 7th, 1992. After February 7th, 1992, the records will be destroyed.

Town Residents On Fitchburg Dean's List

Fitchburg State College in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, has announced that the following Feeding Hills residents are among those students who have made its Dean List for the fall 1991 semester:

Vanessa Jean Coulacos, elementary education; and Kim Marie Satkowski, communications.

Ag. Schools Calling New Kindergartners

Children who will be five years of age prior to October 1, 1992 are eligible for enrollment in Kindergarten in Agawam for the 1992-1993 school year.

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Sports

WMass Schools Give No Competition To AHS Wrestlers

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Now, they're even abusing Putnam High. There was a time in the not so distant past where Putnam was a very good wrestling team, and they aren't exactly horrid now.

But, the Agawam High Brownies are on another plateau (mountain, if you will) than anybody else around, and they proved it again last Saturday with their showing at the Agawam High School gymnasium.

The Varsity hosted the Putnam High Beavers and slashed their way to a most convincing 58-6 lambasting of the visitors.

Mike Brown was Putnam's first wrestler and their best wrestler. He earned their only six points with a 1:47 first-period pin over Chad Boucher.

The Brownie freshman earned the initial takedown and had a chance or two to sink a pinning combination, but the veteran and talented Brown reversed the situation shortly thereafter to pin Boucher near the end of the first period.

From that point forward, Agawam responded with perfection. They laced 'em up and came back with seven first-period pins, three shutout decisions along with a major decision win, and an 11-4 decision. Not bad, eh?

Joe Loudfoot re-entered the Agawam varsity lineup following an injury as he worked hard for a 5-0 win. Pat Brown was next with a rip-roaring, 38-second pin of Putnam's 119-pounder.

Shawn Rising had a bull to contend with at 125 pounds, but the junior technician rung himself up a 7-0 win. Mike Cooper came out at 130 pounds and zipped through Kevin Cruz in just 1:12.

Nathan Wood kept his fine season on course with an 11-4 bashing over Phillip Hull, and Mike Bryant threw Kurk James around the mat to the tune of a 12-3 major decision.

Vinnie Petrangelo was next to take the mat, and his hard-working, 4-0 whitewashing had to be gratifying for him in the 145-pound weight class.

Lady Panthers Upset Brownies, 40-36 As Locals Sag Under Second Half Seige

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The emotion of the Cathedral High girls' basketball team has been an issue for as long as I've been on the beat.

Coach Holly O'Connell got her troops "up" for a match against previously undefeated Agawam High last Friday night at the Clifford P. Kibbe Gymnasium, and stole away the victory with some late inspired play as the Panthers dropped Agawam (9-1) for the first time this season by the score of 40-36.

Sheila Danker, Cathedral's All-Western Mass forward, played a marvelous game, throwing in 27 hard-earned points to lead the way.

Agawam was led by 17 Cyndi Stone points, mostly in the second half, but a late Panther "gut-check" session paid off as the Brownies went off the court saddened for the first time this season.

It started off just groovy for the Brownies as they had their way in every phase of the game. Danker missed four of her first five shots, and Kim Trudel was toying with the Panther defense for Agawam.

Kimmer blasted down the lane for the game's opening hoop and Danker had an early answer. Following that, Trudel made a conventional three-point play and Stone hit all nylon for a quick 7-2 lead. Trudel rescued a Kristin Schmaelzle airball for another hoop and it was 9-2.

The good fortune continued when Agawam was whistled for a technical foul because of a little record-keeping error in the book, and Danker missed both ends of the free throws.

Martha Rabbitt hit two free throws to momentarily stop the run, but Stone made a six-footer off the right block, Schmaelzle kissed one off the window at the 30-second horn, and Stone hit a layup off a perfect Laura Bielitz feed for a 15-4 bulge.

Undaunted, Cathedral made an 11-0 run to knot the game at 15-15. Danker was the main cog in that development as she rammed in seven of the 11 herself, including the tying fallaway at 2:20.

As the game of runs continued, the Brownies put on a 7-0 hurt of their own to close the half with a 22-15 cushion. Trudel gave them back the lead with a muscle hoop at 1:58.

Stone made a three-point play, and then the sophomore ended the half accepting a baby alley-



SIX GOOD REASONS why the Agawam High varsity wrestling team again will contend for the state championship next month. Back row - Coach Phil Tomkiel, manager Jaime Rivera, and Assistant Coach Tom Cascio. Front row - captains Nick Langone, Mike Copper, and Stuart McGregor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

From there forward, the meet took about 10 minutes. Stu McGregor started it and Heavyweight George Ghareeb ended it. Ended what? Started what? How about a series of pins that began at 152 and ended when Ghareeb had manhandled Eric Morse in the Big Guy division.

The five pins occurred in just 5:08 seconds! McGregor already had two takedowns and two backpoints awarded before he finished off Chris Torres in 1:43. Dave McKay used only 60 seconds of his Saturday afternoon to slam Sam Stephens' shoulders on the mat.

Mike DaSilva had Oswaldo Ramos kicking and fighting from his back in just five seconds before sticking him at 1:13. Nicky Langone sliced up Dave Foote in just 46 seconds at 189 pounds, and Ghareeb must have had an early luncheon engagement as he got the day's fastest pin, hammering Morse in only 26 seconds.

Doing the math for you folks, Agawam's seven pins on the day took a grand total of six minutes and 48 seconds. This might have been the most dominating day in that regard since I've been on the beat.

Great Game But AHS Returns 1-Point Short Vs. Hurricane Girls

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It would have been a sweet, sweet victory to savor. Stephanie Mason's 40-footer at the buzzer hit the backboard and the near side of the rim. It was a miracle try. It had a chance.

The Agawam High Brownies lost their Valley Wheel opener by dropping a scintillating 51-50 game to undefeated Amherst High Hurricanes on Tuesday afternoon in Amherst.

Jamila Wideman captained and starred for the Hurricanes throughout the afternoon as she hit dramatic shot after dramatic shot en route to the late game heroic stuff. This ultimately sent Agawam home unhappy.

The junior point guard hit layups, bombs, pull-ups, and every clutch shot imaginable to offset a valiant road performance by the 9-2 Brownies.

"She (Wideman) is something," said Coach Lou Conte afterwards. "She does it when it counts, too. She's the whole package, isn't she?" Few would disagree.

Amherst, still undefeated at 10-0, raced to an early 7-2 advantage as Jen Pariseau hit the game's first shot by swishing a three from the left corner. Kim Trudel of Agawam (another solid game in the paint before fouling out in the game's last three minutes) answered with a high arching shot off the window.

Then, Amherst's Emily Jones fired in a jumper in the lane and Pariseau's rim rattler pushed the lead to 11-4.

"I thought they might beat us by 20 when they got off to that start," said Conte. "But we settled down and had a chance to win."

The first half remained an uphill battle for Agawam as unlikely Hurricane scorers like Jones and Emily Shore popped in a couple of stray hoops to keep Amherst on top most of the way.

The Hurricanes played fine defense and matched it with quick hands and quick leaping on the offensive glass. The lead was at 19-12 when Shore made one of two free throws.

oop from Sheila Martin for the final basket before intermission.

Danker and Stone traded hoops out of the locker room, and then Danker made another one. This time, Stephanie Mason had the answer and it was a three-point bomb from out top to run Agawam to a 27-19 lead.

But, it was the Panthers' turn for a run. This time they put up 16 in a row, keyed by a remarkable one-man show by Danker. She started it with a three-tip rebounding effort and ended it with four straight fancy hoops to give Cathedral a 33-27 lead.

Danker had everybody believing that she was the best player around these parts when she got the go-ahead deuce in that stretch. She blazed in from halfcourt, eluded one defender, entered the paint with the right hand, and then switched hands to her left to avoid the charge and laid it in softly with the off hand.

Though Danker scored 10 of those 16 points, it was Amy Toller's hoop that led to Agawam's demise. The second hoop in the big run also sent Trudel to the pine at 11:26 with her fourth foul.

Losing their primary offensive weapon, the Brownies seemed disorganized on the court and kept looking for someone to take charge. And, Cyndi Stone entered the picture—Big Time.

She scored four big hoops and then hit Mason with an "over the top" pass for a layup which tied the game 35-35 with 4:19 to play. Danker kept it up with a 17-foot connection with 3:05 to play for what would somehow prove to be the winning hoop.

That's when the zebras took over the ballgame. It was disappointing to both sides, but it happened. Danker was out of the ballgame on fouls as she exited with 2:42 to play on an offensive foul call.

The Brownies came to the bench believing that they would get it done without the Panther ace on the court, but it never occurred. Out of the timeout, the Brownies had Trudel and Stone down on the blocks and had possession looking for the go-ahead score.

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GIRLS' HOOP - from Page 38...

Mason began the AHS charge with a rainbow three pointer off the right wing. Another unseen Hurricane, Kathleen Poe, snuck in for deuce to bring it back to six. But Trudel and Cyndi Stone owned the rest of the half. These two worked the ball inside time after time for free throws and layups that eventually tied the game at 22-all with 33 seconds to play.

Laura Bielitz capped the fine comeback by giving AHS its first lead by going coast-to-coast with a rebound in the last five seconds. She nailed a little six-footer to put AHS up 24-22 at the half.

Wideman scored just 5 points in the first half as she allowed her less heralded teammates a little spotlight. But the second half belonged entirely to her from the Amherst perspective.

After Sheila Martin (a key performer in the second half) gave AHS a 25-24 lead with one of two free throws, Wideman and Trudel played a little elevated game of H-O-R-S-E for a while.

Wideman hit two nifty layups and a three-point bomb. Trudel responded with a monster move in the lane, a coast-to-coast of her own, a free throw, and then a slashing eight-footer to match Wideman, 7 points each.

Mason broke the string with a line drive 18-footer from straight out top. Trudel's streak might have been over but Wideman's wasn't. She continued her personal nine-point spree with a nothing-but-nylon effort just inside the three point arc.

Undaunted, and not to be outdone, Trudel ventured 17 feet from the hoop and banged in a misle of her own. It was a highlight reel of stuff from two of the premier players in Western Mass.

Martin tried her first shot of the game and got all twine from the right elbow to give AHS a three point advantage at 38-35. But Pariseau woke up from her slumber to nail a 10-footer off fine penetration to slice it back to one.

It then got even more fun for AHS when Stone accepted a high hands feed and turned and knocked home an eight-footer. Martin followed that with another confidence building 12-footer on

the baseline. The run ended with Stone finishing a break on the long pass from Martin. It was 44-37 with 6:25 to play.

Wideman (18 in the half) rescued a loose ball, scored, and was fouled to take a big bite out of the lead. She followed that with a shake and bake in the paint to bring the home team within two. Pariseau got those back with free throws before Martin came back with her third huge hoop by connecting from the right wing.

Wideman made the game's biggest play by driving against Trudel and this put Trudel on the bench with her fifth foul. Wideman made the free throws and the complexion of the game truly changed.

Mason put AHS on top for the final time with one of two free throws. But Brenda Sepanek beat the 30-second clock with a "you didn't call bank" three pointer from straight out top! That one was the dagger for the Brownies.

Stone blocked a shot in the lane but the rebound went right to Wideman. She took it straight to the hole for another deuce. Amherst led, 51-47.

Stone came right back with a hoop and got fouled. She made her free throw enabling AHS to crawl back with one, 51-50.

Both teams had chances in the last 1:25. No more points were scored.

Amherst seemed to have it locked up with 19 seconds to play when Jones went to the line for two free throws. She missed her first and made her second, but a double lane violation was ruled and AHS got the ball back.

Martin had the ball on the right wing as the clock raced toward zero. She fed it to Stone in the post but it zipped by. Kristin Schmaelzle made a desperation attempt to save it. She couldn't. Bielitz raced to the sideline and got her hands on it but the ball rolled over the line and her momentum wouldn't allow her to stop.

Amherst got fouled with one second to go. It appeared to be all over. Sepanek was whistled for a lane violation on her shot and AHS had one second to work the miracle.

Bielitz hit Mason at halfcourt and the junior guard went right up clean for her jumper. It looked good leaving...but it was not to be. The ball glanced off the side of the rim and the Hurricane fans rejoiced.

Marvelous stuff. Simply marvelous.

LOSS TO PANTHERS - from Page 38...

Instead, seconds after they crossed the halfcourt stripe, a "three seconds call" was whistled and Cathedral got it back.

Amy Toller hit three of four free throws out of the Cathedral stall and accounted for the final score 40-36.

Cathedral earned every ounce of it and they needed everything that Danker could give them—and she delivered. A great ballgame cheapened a bit at the end as the officials stepped in and determined the outcome, but take nothing away from the Panthers. They gave it their all.

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It Wasn't Pretty, But AHS Boy's Hoop Halts Losing Streak At Seven

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

This was not a thing of beauty. It was, however, a win, and the Agawam High boys' basketball team stopped a seven-game losing streak at Clifford P. Kibbe Gymnasium Tuesday night with a 56-47 triumph over winless Westfield High in the Valley Wheel opener for both teams.

The Brownies (4-7) came into the season with very high expectations of themselves, and they blasted through the first three games with relative ease.

Following a loss to Chicopee in their fourth game, the Brownies began to lose power and confidence, and began their gradual slide which culminated in a tough loss at Cathedral last Saturday night.

So it was that the slate was completely clean as they began league play against the Bombers. The Brownies came out fired up and played fine hoop for the game's first four or five minutes.

Mike Briggs started the new season by burying a left wing set shot, and big Brendon Gallagher followed with his specialty as he grabbed an offensive board and was fouled. Following the made free throw, Agawam had a 5-0 lead.

They upped it to 9-2 with Briggs connecting on a couple of more hoops, and it looked like they might smash the visitors from the Whip City.

But, Westfield got some expected fine play from senior post man Mike Wing and a solid contribution from shooter Chad Kasperowski, and they stayed with the Brownies for the entire half. Wing's banker at 7:02 put the Bombers on top for the first time, 12-11.

Jason Blackburn and Joe Gaylor began to get involved in the Agawam offense, and it was a Blackburn trifecta from out on top that edged the Brownies back into the lead at 21-20.

Westfield forged back ahead in the half's final minute on a Kasperowski corner jumper, but Gaylor scored on a fine bounce pass from Blackburn to give the Brownies the lead at halftime, 24-23.

It stayed tight as Westfield began believing in themselves and continuously pushed the basketball at the Brownies, trying to break down the defense before it could get set.

Agawam responded as Gallagher blocked many Bomber inside shots, and Keith Hargis and Blackburn got themselves in the passing lanes to make steals and tipaways time after time.

Gallagher scored on a nice Briggs feed to make the score 30-29, and the Brownies never again trailed.

Gallagher got a bonus on a fast break that was headed out of bounds when Westfield's Joe Yvon hustled back to cover. Yvon actually saved the ball back inbounds, where Gallagher was waiting to send it in off the glass. That brought the house down as the Agawam lead swelled to eight.

Agawam steadily built the lead from that point forward, reaching a high water mark of 13 on two Blackburn free throws with just a couple minutes left.

Garbage time was sloppy and at time physical, but the scrappy Bombers were sent home with their 11th loss as Agawam eyes a hopeful future based on the scruffy, yet necessary victory.

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Following Loss To Cathedral, 70-59...

Brownie Hoop Glad Independent Slate Over

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The final score might not have shown it, but this was a quality basketball game with fine efforts on both sides. The Agawam High boys' hoop team mercifully concluded their independent action for this season as they dropped their seventh straight game by the score of 70-59 at Cathedral on Saturday night.

The Brownies played very well for the second consecutive outing before fading in the game's final minutes. Again, Agawam ace big man Brendon Gallagher was saddled with four personals early in the second half, and that hindered the Agawam chances in the late stages.

The Brownies came out and put a half court trap on the Panther backcourt early, and it resulted in an 8-1 break from the starter's gate.

Mike Knodler, Jason Blackburn and Mike Briggs handled the pressing chores and they were terrific in the early going. Joey Gaylor handled the baseline Barkley style en route to 15 points as he sliced and slammed around the basket with some quality work throughout the contest.

Once it was evident that Cathedral didn't know how to handle the trap, coach Kevin Kennedy called a timeout and got the Panthers thinking a little differently, and they began to get it rolling after that timeout.

It paid immediate dividends when Bill Martin took a feed over the top of the pressure and converted it (along with picking up Gallagher's second foul).

Agawam stayed with their Springfield rivals much of the rest of the way before Fountain Murray came off the pine to play a super ballgame with ballhawking, quick rebounding and a nice touch from outside.

Ultimately, nine men in the game would end up

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in double figures as each team worked the ball around nicely. Cathedral had five guys in doubles with Murray leading the way with 16.

Brian Brown hit a couple of bombs en route to 11 points; Martin banged away inside for 10; Toby Pare was instrumental with 12 hardworking points; and Bill Dowd picked his spots as he stroked in 13.

Blackburn led the Brownies with 16, with Gaylor close behind at 15, and Mike Briggs and Gallagher each had 11.

Cathedral came back from the 8-1 deficit to forge ahead 19-13 on a lot of stuff designed to take the ball to the teeth of the Brownie half court defense.

Gallagher cut it to four with an inside hoop and a foul, but he missed the free throw. Dave Desimone jumped in the lane and fired the offensive board back into the hoop to cut the margin to 19-17.

Brown hit three straight hoops at that point, all from long range including one three-pointer, to start stretching it out again. The team started trading towards the half, and Agawam had reduced the margin to four with less than a minute to play.

Keith Hargis made a steal and sent Blackburn away, but he missed the hoop and Dowd converted at the other end. A late intentional foul gave Cathedral two more on Sean Dean's free throws, and the Panther's late surge had given them a 36-28 lead heading to the locker room.

Pare made two charity tosses to give Cathedral a 10-point advantage (38-28) before Mike Briggs went nuts on his outside shot. Within four minutes, Agawam had knotted the game at 40-40.

Briggs began the streak with a teardropping

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jumper in transition. Gallagher made two free throws and Briggs nailed another high arcer from the right elbow.

Murray rudely interrupted the run by intercepting a Gallagher outlet pass and scoring a deuce, but Briggs roared back with a three-pointer to slice it to 40-37.

After a Panther TO, Gaylor (normally a baseline bruiser) went out to three point land and connected at 11:46 to tie the score at 40. Gallagher kept the visitors pumped up as he rescued a missed outside shot to give Agawam the lead 42-40 with 11:00 to play.

Pare tied the game with a lay-up before Briggs gave Agawam the lead again with dribble penetration and a pullup jumper. Brown tied it with two free throws for the Panthers, and then Blackburn gave the Brownies yet another lead following a Hargis strip in the backcourt.

Gallagher tacked on another point with a free throw and the Brownies were having fun again. Murray tied it up with a conventional three-pointer, and soon after Gallagher got that feared fourth foul.

Gaylor, Knodler and Blackburn kept sticking in big hoops, but Agawam couldn't get back on top in the contest. Two Blackburn free throws got Agawam within 60-57 with just two and a half minutes to go, but Cathedral took charge from there.

Pare went baseline and Murray brought one down the lane for a seven-point lead as time began to run out. Gallagher hit two free throws, but the Panthers closed the show with six straight free throws to finish the ballgame.

A good performance was not good enough last Saturday night as the Panthers ended each half with just enough to pick up the victory.

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AHS Swim Teams In Rough Waters In Recent Races

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It was not a great week for the Agawam High boys' swim team. On Friday they lost to Minnechaug by a score of 62-31.

The medley was won by Jeremy Spring, Alan Niemiec, Steve Lewis, and Aaron Orsucci with a time of 1:59.76. Aaron Orsucci again came in first for the individual medley event in 2:16.18.

Aaron swam his personal best in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:00.36, coming in second only because the first place winner was also at his best. Steve Lewis did quite well swimming the 50-yard freestyle in :26.56.

On Tuesday the boys lost again to Longmeadow, 115-68. Agawam had two first-place winners, including Tim Church for diving, 142.90, which gives him his first of three qualifiers for Western Mass diving.

Our other first-place winner was Alan Niemiec, who swam the 100-yard butterfly in 1:02.88, another qualifying time. Aaron Orsucci took second place for the 50-yard freestyle in :24.37, and for the 100-yard freestyle in :54.95.

Steve Lewis did well in the 100-yard butterfly event with a time of 1:04.86. Gary Jock swam the 200 freestyle in 2:16 and the 500-yard freestyle in 6:26.

The boys' next meet is Friday with Amherst.

The Agawam High girls' swim team had a week very similar to the boys' team's week. They lost to Minnechaug on Friday, 60-32, and then lost to Longmeadow on Tuesday, 117-69.

On Tuesday, Rachel White won first place for diving with a score of 172.5, with Michelle Podsiadlo taking second with 157.15 (a qualifying score), and Tammy Leary at third with 133.00.

Erica Vanderhoof won second in the individual medley in 2:24.57, and Jessie Crowley and Lexa Page had the exact same time for the 100-yard butterfly, 1:10.36. Heather Pliska broke the high school record that she set for the 100-yard breaststroke; her time was 1:12.62.

Erica Vanderhoof did her personal best in the 100-yard backstroke at 1:06.93. The 500-yard freestyle was a second-place winner for Agawam by Brenda Borkosky in 6:44.10, and Amy Scalise did quite well swimming the 100-yard backstroke in 1:21.11. Teagan Christy swam her best 500-yard freestyle in 7:42.33.

The girls meet with Amherst on Friday.

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AAA Piranhas Swim Results...

The Agawam AA Piranhas competitive swim team traveled to Belchertown to participate in an away meet on January 11th, 1992. The following accomplishments were made:

GIRLS 8 & UNDER:

In the 100-yard medley relay, the team of Christina Climo, Amanda Fox, Kyleigh Egan, and Hilary Golas finished first.

Amanda Fox, second in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Bianca Chase, Lisa Menzone, Bianca Taylor, and Ashley Roberts finished first in the 100-yard freestyle relay; the team of Laurie Chmielewski, Katie Moore, Christina Climo, and Kyleigh Egan placed third.

Christina Climo, first in 25-yard freestyle.

Hilary Golas, second, and Amanda Fox, third in 25-yard butterfly.

Ashley Roberts, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Laurie Chmielewski, first, and Brittany Taylor, third in 25-yard backstroke.

Christina Climo, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 8 & UNDER:

In the 100-yard medley relay, the team of William Bond, Brian Pedersen, Ryan Sullivan, and Michael Bonesteel placed second.

Brian Pedersen, first in 100-yard individual medley.

Michael Bonesteel, second, and William Bond, third in 25-yard freestyle.

William Bond, second, and Ryan Sullivan, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Michael Bonesteel, first in 25-yard backstroke.

Brian Pedersen, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 9-10:

The team of Sarah Nacewicz, Shaunessy Egan, Shannon Costa, and Shanna Raymond placed second in the 200-yard medley relay.

Caitlin Weisgerber, second in 100-yard individual medley.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Caitlin Weisgerber, Sarah Nacewicz, Shaunessy Egan, and Kimberly Sullivan placed second.

Kimberly Sullivan, first in 50-yard freestyle.

Caitlin Weisgerber, second, and Kimberly Sullivan, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Kirsten Schuster, second in 50-yard backstroke.

Shannon Costa, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 9-10:

Nicholas Duquette, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Danielle DeForge, third in 200-yard individual medley.

Danielle DeForge, first, and Tara Rivkin, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 11-12:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Asa Allen, James Crowley, Hugh Allen, and Brendan Kilrain placed second.

Brendan Kilrain, second in 200-yard freestyle.

Asa Allen, third in 50-yard freestyle.

James Crowley, first in 50-yard butterfly.

Hugh Allen, third in 100-yard freestyle.

James Crowley, first, and Asa Allen, third in 50-yard backstroke.

Brendan Kilrain, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 13-14:

Rachel Niemiec, second in 200-yard individual medley and in 100-yard breaststroke.

Amy Hume, first in 50-yard freestyle and in 100-yard butterfly.

BOYS 13-14:

Michael Robinson, third in 200-yard freestyle and in 100-yard freestyle.

GIRLS 15-18:

Nancy Bazanchuk, first in 200-yard individual medley and in 100-yard backstroke.

Brownie Skiers Off To Good Start

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High ski teams spent a couple more winter afternoons on the slopes of Berkshire East this past week and remained solidly in the middle of the pack.

The boys' ski team placed fifth in both Thursday and Tuesday's meets, with Ed Lancellette being the top Brownie on both occasions. Ed landed seventh place overall in the Giant Slalom on Tuesday with a time of 26:91, and grabbed eighth in the Slalom (45:62) on the previous Thursday.

Coach Glenn Olson was happy with the performance of sophomore Paul Kilsiewicz, who raced in 33:53 as he turned in a nice run in relief of the injured Joe Scherpa.

"We are skiing well and making strides in this

building year," said Olson.

The girls' team grabbed sixth place in last Thursday's PVIAC meet, as Diane DeLuce narrowly missed the top 10 as she wound up in 11th place. Others sking well for Agawam were Kim Naciewicz, Kim Graveline and Nicole Racicot.

On Tuesday, in the Slalom, the girls came in seventh place, but missed fifth place by just seven tenths of a second overall.

DeLuce stepped up into ninth place overall with a time of 54:61. Naciewicz ran second at 59:04. Beth Tangredi had a fine run for Agawam before blowing out near the end in the neighborhood of the last three gates.

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St. Mary's Continues To Lead Pack In Tri-Parish Bowling

First place St. Mary (26½ wins) took a giant step toward claiming the Round Two title of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League at the popular Agawam Bowl on Walnut Street Extension.

In week eight of Round Two, St. Mary's took out 9th place Fordham (14 wins), four wins to none. A clean sweep. The only winner for St. Mary's was third roller BOB COELLN, the top men's roller in Class B (91.43). Bob won his match by 40 pins, which was enough to carry his teammates.

Fordham winners were ESTHER DEPALO (269-267) over AUDREY PHILLIPS, JANICE MOC-CIO (253 to 246) over CHRIS BUKOWSKI, and substitute captain LOU MASSOIA (300-282) over JIM MCNAMEE. Lou, still subbing for vacationing OLLIE MULDREW, sports a sub average of 102.20. Muldrew is the Men's Class AAA leader at 105.24, so Lou has filled in admirably.

Second place St. Anselm (19½ wins) is desperately attempting to catch St. Mary's but it's a long uphill battle from here with only three weeks left in Round Two. St. A's defeated last place Holy Cross (10½ wins), 2½ wins to 1½ wins.

St. A's winners were TERRY CERPOVICZ (280-275 over MICHELLE BAILLIE), and captain DENNIS KAWA, a big 329-276 shellacking of HC captain LARRY VIENS. Viens watched his average in the Men's Class AAA shrink to 100.29 while Kawa is neck-and-neck in the Men's Open Class at 107.5 with STEVE MOCCIO (107.46). Michelle Baillie, by the way, now leads the Women's Class B in scoring at 87.30.

Winning for HC were leadoff DOUG HART (278) and third roller VI MASSOIA (280). Vi is third in the Women's Class AA at 92.12. She laid the wood to the popular TONY "I'm Not A Captain" KOZAK (255).

Third place Boston College (16 wins) defeated seventh place St. Louis (14½ wins), three wins to one. Winning for BC were leadoff TINA FRAPPIER (263), MARIE SARACINO (277-273) over JOHN LONCRINI, and captain SHIRLEY SARACINO, a close 288-287 winner over St. Lou captain JIM HOAGUE. Shirley is now at 101.7, about two pins away from Women's Open Class leader DEBBIE POIRIER (103.9). The only St. Lou winner was JEAN BUONICONTI (277), the Women's Class AA leader at 94.23.

In a wild battle, fourth place Georgetown (15½ wins) lost to fifth place Catholic University, one win to three. Winners for CU included CAROLINE COELLN (282-Women's Class A leader), and JIM SNYDER (316, second in Men's Class AAA at 101.36).

Winners for G-Town were leadoff roller MISSY BARR (241), and captain DEBBIE POIRIER. This one was a real grudge match as Debbie was facing her brother, RICH SNYDER, in the anchor match. Debbie, the Women's Open Class leader, nipped brother Rich, the Men's Class AA leader (103.11), 301-300. This match, of course, was filled with lots of fun and emotion as both Debbie and Rich tried to outdo the other.

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Amherst Loss Continues Brownies' Troubles In Independent Hoop

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High Brownies were in a furious scrap at the Clifford P. Kibbe Gymnasium last Wednesday night, only to have their hearts and heads handed to them once more time as they succumbed to Amherst High 45-43 on a buzzer beater.

It was a most unlikely scenario for the Brownies, whose losing streak stretched to six with the loss. Amherst, thought by many to be the only "real" competition for the Central High Golden Eagles, could never shake the slumping kids from Agawam.

Agawam (which blazed to a 3-0 start on the campaign) has battled illness, early front court foul trouble, and backcourt deficiencies ever since.

But, on Wednesday night, they split into the Eye of the Hurricane and gave their coach and their fans everything they had, right up until the bloody and bitter end.

The Brownies were able to dictate the pace of the contest throughout and keep their talented foe in their sights. The Hurricanes were never able to get the lead into double figures, and Agawam had a mini-comeback in them every time the visitors tried to get away.

Matt Garvey, one of Western Mass' purest shooters, had a horrendous night from the floor, mainly because of a suffocating defense applied by senior Mike Briggs of Agawam. Garvey led all scorers with 15 on the night, but he never got into his rhythm and Briggs' "D" forced Amherst to look elsewhere.

Jim O'Donnell of Amherst broke away twice in a row midway in the first half, and Steve Manning followed with a free throw that made the score 16-8. But Agawam came right back with nine straight to grab the lead, 17-16.

Brendon Gallagher showed some flashes of inside power with two consecutive baskets to slice the lead in half, and then a parade to the foul line resulted in one point each for Briggs, Joe Gaylor, and Dave Desimone.

Jason Blackburn finished the flurry by combining on an excellent push and pass by Keith Hargis, and the Brownies had taken the one-point advantage.

Amherst led it 24-20 at half and had visions of opening it up again in the second half, as Manning played a huge role inside with three straight hoops that opened the margin to nine at 35-26.

Once again, Agawam involved their faithful fans by playing inspired and coming after the Hurricanes again.

It was Gallagher that keyed the spurt with a big block on defense and then racing down the floor to convert a Blackburn miss. He was fouled on the play and made the freebie to bring Agawam within five.

However, on the next trip down the floor, Gallagher fouled out and Amherst started to go inside again.

Coach Mike Martin, forced to go without his big man for the last 7:07, fought the good fight with a quintet comprised of Briggs, Mike Knodler, Gaylor, Desimone and Blackburn. They responded.

With each of the five contributing a little here and a little there, Agawam began to chip away again. A Desimone turnaround with 1:18 to play had every fanny out of every seat, and the paying customers were singing in the aisles.

The Brownies got a turnover on defense and came upcourt looking to score. Keith Hargis, now subbing for the fouled out Blackburn, got one to go about halfway down the hoop, but it rimmed out. Amherst got the rebound and Knodler snuck in there and tied it up for another Agawam possession.

With 26.9 to play, Desimone got fouled on his jumper and headed to the line, looking to give the Brownies their first lead of the half. He missed one and the Amherst coach called a timeout to "ice" him. Desi missed again out of the TO, and Amherst came roaring upcourt.

Shola Richards was given a pair at the stripe, and he too missed both of his chances. Agawam got the rebound and started to head downcourt. Instead, a throwaway resulted in another costly turnover, and the Hurricanes began to throw the ball at the hoop furiously as the clock spun wildly towards zero.

They got three chances, maybe four, before the ball bounded to the free throw line. Shola took one step into the lane and slopped one toward the goal. It back rimmed and glanced off the backboard and fell back through for the winning basket.

The Brownies, out of timeouts, threw one the length of the court at the horn, and it didn't miss by a whole bunch either. As a matter of fact, a Hurricane leaped high to snare it on the fly. Some were even calling for a goaltending violation. It would have been a gutsy call by a referee. The call wasn't made.

The Brownies fell to 3-6 with the loss. They faced Cathedral on Saturday night in Springfield for their final Independent clash (story this edition).

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Sports A La Carte...

CBS Cheapens All-Madden Team; "Jim Rice Day"

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Does anybody agree with me that CBS and its producers and directors went a long way towards cheapening the effort of sportscaster JOHN MADDEN last Sunday afternoon?

The beautiful, raw style of Madden during the ballgames was overdone in the obviously rehearsed All-Madden team show this past weekend. Plus, add in a strangely goofy PAT SUMMERALL performance, and it had me asleep in the recliner 20 minutes into the show...

A friend of mine is a season ticket holder for the Whalers and has been for some time. I saw him the other morning and he thought that the team might be out of Hartford in one more year. Hmmm...

Don't you think that 48½ points is a lot to be scored on the Buffalo and Washington defenses? That's what the oddsmakers have set down as the early Over/Under number for the Super Bowl.

Those are a couple of pretty fair country defenses that are going to take the field in the MetroDome on Sunday. My prediction? Well, certainly. Washington 23, Buffalo 17...

I'll tell you something that didn't put me to sleep was that terrific golf tournament on the tube on Sunday. Five days after it started, five guys made it to a playoff in the Bob Hope Classic, and they all had to shoot 24 under par to get there.

Four playoff holes later, JOHN COOK won it with a long chip-in for an eagle. You had to have a birdie on each of the first three playoff holes just to push ahead to the next hole. It was gritty stuff...

The way the media reports it back to us, you would think that JOHN MCENROE is the only player playing in the Australian Open Tennis tournament. Seems most of the note pad holders and microphone operators have forgiven Johnny Mac for all of his previous sins on tour...

BARRY LARKIN, the Cincinnati Reds shortstop, recently signed another of those \$25 million contracts that have been so prevalent of late. I haven't heard one person complain about his compensation.

He is truly a fine player with amazing defensive range and a very powerful and clutch bat, especially for a middle infielder. Put him on the Red Sox roster this season, and the American League pennant race would be over.

I wonder if they would take SCOTT COOPER and JOSIAS MANZANILLO for Larkin...

I saw the closest thing that I have ever seen to a machine when I watched the precision work of PERNELL WHITAKER the other night on HBO. Moving up in class to Junior Welterweight, the little dynamo threw 997 punches in a 10-round fight and ate up HAROLD BRASIER, a veteran with 78 wins under his own belt.

He doesn't hit like a tank, but Whitaker hits so often that the other guy simply can't think about going on offense at all...

It was most appropo that a greyhound named M's Icy Paws would pick up a win at Hinsdale over the weekend. It's his kind of weather. Brr...

Also, on Martin Luther King Day, a pup called "Run Cora Run" paid \$10.00 to win in the seventh race of the matinee. A little irony, wouldn't you say?...

I tried but I couldn't do it. I looked in on the NHL All-Star game for a little while on Saturday afternoon. I was in dreamland midway in the second period.

I did see the Great One connect on a goal early, but I missed the game's last nine goals. I believe it ended up 10-6 for a final score. I just hope it wasn't RAY BOURQUE that missed the PAT...

It will be interesting to watch that CECIL FIELDER arbitration situation in Detroit. Cecil asked for \$5.4 million, and the Tigers countered with \$3.2 million. I'd settle for the gap alone.

As a matter of fact, I've got a feeling they'll negotiate that deal before it ever gets to the arbitrator. I look for Cecil to get \$4.4 million amicably. He's great for that town at this time...

Sometimes I feel cheated that I don't get to see JOHN STOCKTON and KARL MALONE play on television very often. The other night that duo combined on another routine night (for them): Malone was 15-25 from the floor, 7-8 from the line for 37 points and he collected 14 rebounds to lead his team.

Stockton was 8-13 in field goals, four of six at the stripe, added a three-pointer for 21 points and 19 assists! I really wish that I could watch that act more often...

Kudos to the Red Sox for hiring JIM RICE as a minor league hitting instructor. That may wipe a little bit of the hard feelings away from the shameful way that his superstar career ended.

SEE A LA CARTE - Page 44...

Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



Mawaga Sporting Club

The Mawaga Sporting Club will hold an Ice Fishing Derby at their club pond on February 9th, 1992. The event is open to the public and cash prizes will be awarded.

There will be two fishing periods—9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. If the ice is good, it will be a tip up fishing event. The tip ups and the cutting of the holes through the ice will be done by the club.

If we get a chinook (warm weather) before the derby, and you will know by the pre-weather conditions, bring a rod and lures with you.

Breakfast will be available at the early period.

The club is going to hold more derbies in the following months. The Annual Lunker Derby will be held March 29th. The largest fish will be worth \$125, and there will be three \$25 prizes. The lunker derby will cost you \$15, and breakfast will be available.

The Annual Club Derby will be held April 26th. It will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will cost the member \$3 a ticket, and members' kids will be allowed to fish free.

The chairman of the Fish Committee is Wayne Harrington, and his very active committee is as follows: Mitch Bulat, Paul Smith, John Larese, Pete Anton, John Ferioli, John Pelletier, Russ Stenson, Claude Talbot, Terry Letellier, Woody Roberts, Mike Roberts, Henry Camyre, and Steve

Roberts.

The club is still holding its Flea Market indoors on Saturdays.

STILL THE KING

A few years back, we used to call them the "Inseparable Three." Bill Kozak (now fishing with an angel on each side of him), John Whyte (in a therapy home in Westfield), and my fair-weather fishing pal, Angie Borgatti.

Over a long span of years, the three of them ice fished every lake and pond in Western Massachusetts plus many in Vermont, New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Maine. Experts in tip up and jigger fishing.

Angie is still going strong, but digging holes through the ice is a thing of the past. His back is such that he cannot hold the Auger for any length of time. So he has to use the holes left by previous fishermen.

Angie hit Russell Pond (gave me permission to use the name of the ponds that he fished) one morning and viewed several fishermen tending type. No one had taken a fish since sunrise.

Angie dropped his jig in an abandoned hole and immediately pulled up a good-sized perch. Ten fish later, he was surrounded by every fisherman on the pond.

"How do you do it?" he was asked. "We haven't caught a fish; you haven't fished an hour and you have 10 fish."

Angie shrugged his shoulders and just kept jigging with a sly smile on his face.

The next day, he hit the upper part of Littleville. Met three fellows coming off the ice. "They are not biting today," he was informed by a disgusted angler.

Angie used their holes in the ice and—to make a long story short—came home with over 100 fish. Joe Gentile and his son can vouch for the number of fish. Angie cleaned half of his catch for them.

I never cared much for ice fishing, but I will admit that Angie is slowly converting me. As far as I'm concerned, Angie is the "King" of ice fishermen.

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Frosh Girls' Capt.



BETH SKELLY is the 1991-92 captain of the Agawam High girls' freshman hoop team. She is pictured with Coach Jeff Reece. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

A LA CARTE - from Page 43...

I will definitely be in the stands when they have "Jim Rice Night" at Fenway, and I will stand and cheer the loudest. No, he didn't get us our World Championship Flag, but neither did TEDDY, CARL, DEWEY, RICO or FREDDY LYNN...

If you're travelling through Manatee County in Florida this month, you may want to be aware that there's a new sheriff in town. BOBBY BONILLA has been made a special deputy in that town because he wants to give back to the community.

He's got plenty to give, too, with that new \$29 million contract he just signed with the Mets...

Pole vaulter STEVE SMITH has a point worthy of consideration: *"I never did like team sports because of the coaches. In individual sports, they coach you to develop specific skills, but in team sports they just yell at you. If I wanted somebody to yell at me, I'd join the Army."*

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Aldrich Insurance	2	1
Professional Traffic Systems	1	2
Murphy's Trophies & Sports	0	3

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Provin Mt. Farm	3	0
Agawam Opticians	2	1
Movie Mart	2	1
Corner Deli	1	2
Aldrich Insurance	0	3
Valenti's Restaurant	0	3
Walsh's	0	3

GIRLS 8-11

Agawam Auto School	3	0
Provin Mt. Farm	2	1
Aldrich Insurance	2	1
Sliech Auto Body	1	2
Luigi Auto Body	1	2
Collins Construction	0	3

BOYS 10-12 AMERICAN DIVISION

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Village Lounge	2	1
Agawam Advertiser News	1	2
Elbow Lounge	0	3

NATIONAL DIVISION

Grimaldi & Burzdak	3	0
Agawam Firefighters	2	1
Murphy's Trophies & Sports	1	2
McCarthy Tile	0	3

BOYS 13-15

Agawam Firefighters	3	0
Grimaldi & Burzdak	3	0
Worldtek Travel	2	1
Provin Mt. Farm	0	3
Professional Traffic Systems	1	2
Westfield Savings	0	3

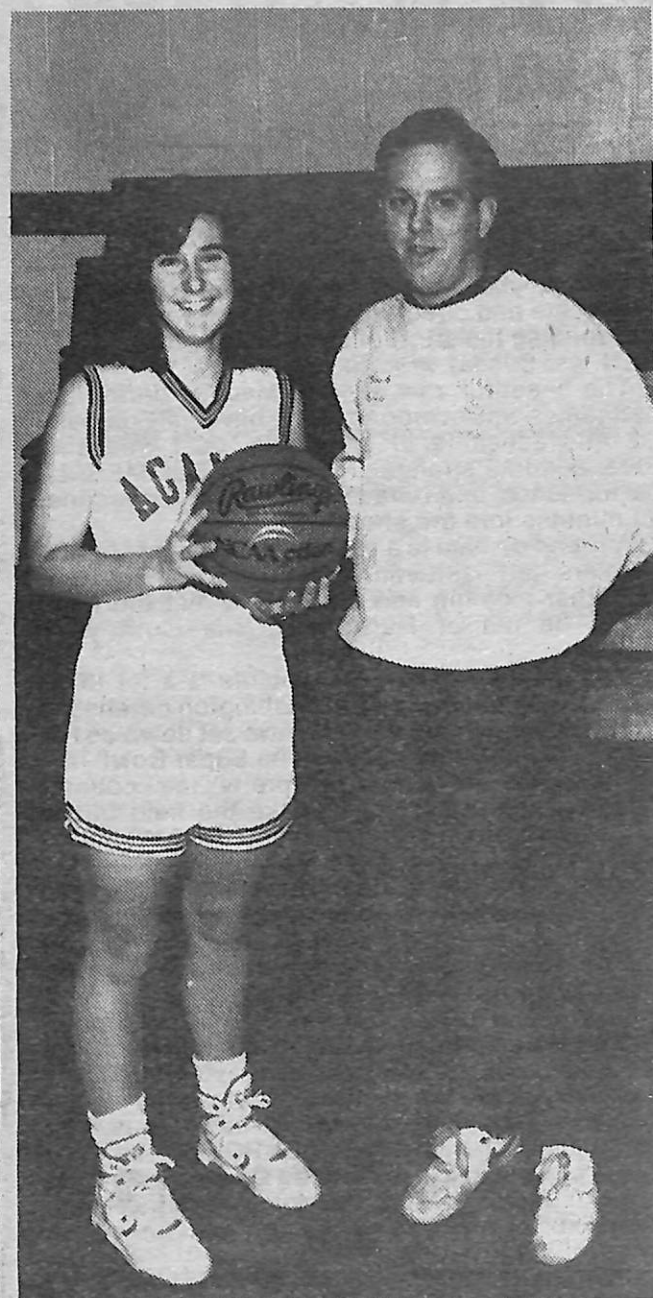
ROLLERS - from Page 42...

In the final match of the night, eighth place Notre Dame (14 wins) defeated faltering St. Michael (6th place-14½ wins), in a clean sweep, four wins to none.

ND winners were leadoff MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (264), FRANK CERPOVICZ (292), and mighty captain STEVE MOCCIO (333). Moccio soundly defeated veteran St. Mike's captain FRED MORASSI (291), the Men's Class A leader at 97.33. ND's CHRIS STEPANIAN and St. Mike's PAUL LAGODITZ tied at 266 each.

Fred Morassi, by the way, left the Agawam Bowl a bit unhappy after being swept clean and promised to come back with renewed vigor next week.

Varsity Hoop Capt.



SENIOR SHEILA MARTIN is the 1991-92 captain of the Agawam High girls' varsity hoop team. She is pictured with Coach Lou Conte. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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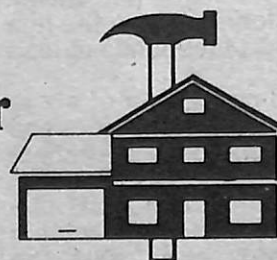
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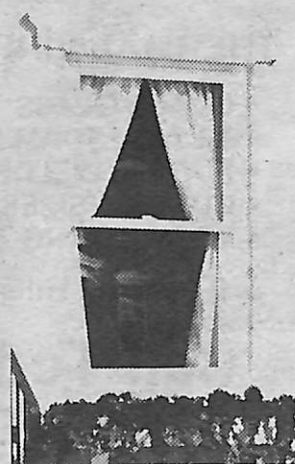
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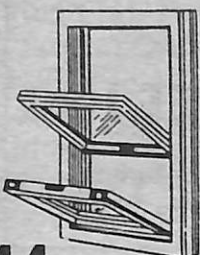


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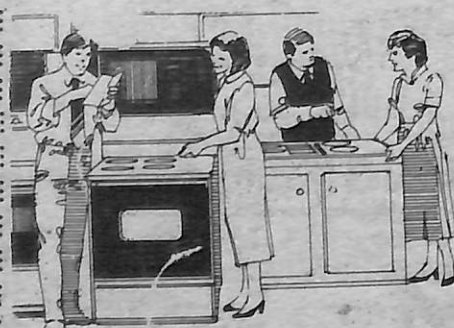
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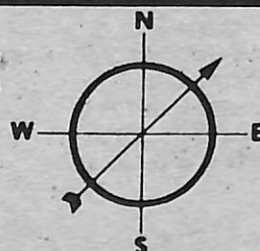
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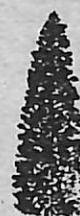
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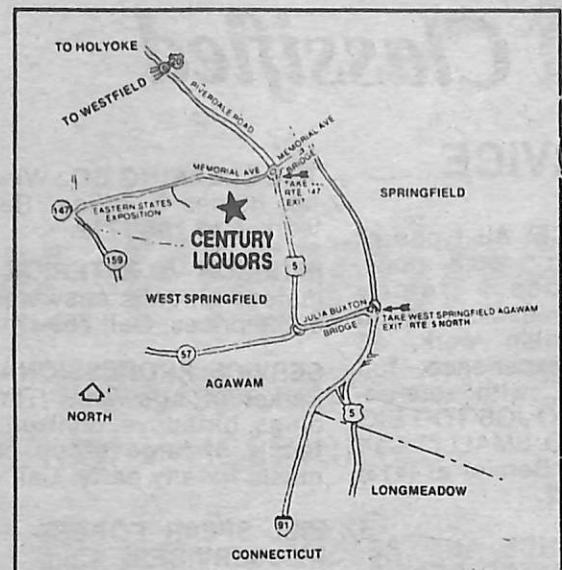
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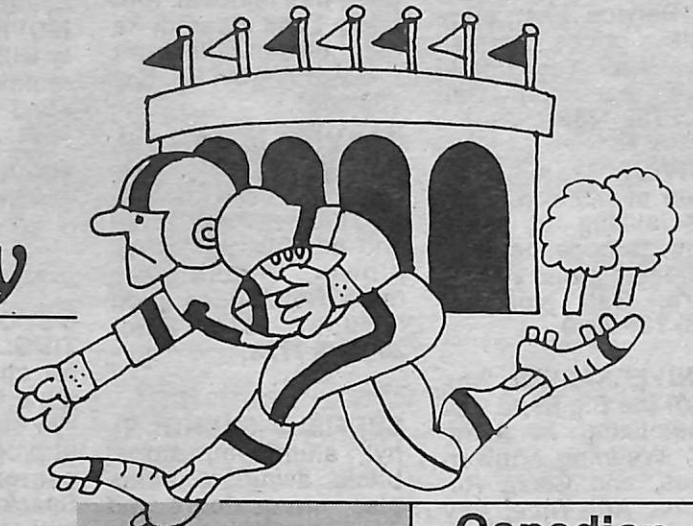
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NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TYPOGRAPHICAL
ERRORS.

**OPEN DAILY:
Mon.-Sat. 8AM - 11PM**
**COME IN AND COMPARE
OUR PRICES ON ALL
QUALITY PRODUCTS**



Super Savings For Super Bowl Sunday



Tanqueray Gin 1 Liter \$15.99	Miller, Miller Lite, & Genuine Draft Light 24 - 12 Oz. Cans \$12.99	Jose Cuervo Gold Tequila 1 Liter \$13.99	Dewars Scotch 1.75 Liter \$23.99	Capt. Morgan Spiced Rum 1 Liter \$11.99	Canadian Club 1.75 Liter \$15.99 Less \$4.00 Mail-In Rebate Final Cost \$11.99
Absolute Vodka 80 Proof 1 Liter \$15.99	Kahlua 1 Liter \$14.99	Sambucca Romano 1 Liter \$18.99	Lord Calvert Canadian 1.75 Liter \$12.99	Heineken Beer 24 - 12 Oz. Btls. \$18.99	Jack Daniels 1 Liter \$15.99



BEER

Coors Beer 2/12 Pk., 12 Oz. Btls.	\$11.99
Stroh's Beer 24 - 12 Oz. Cans	\$11.59
Coors Light 2/12 Pk., 12 Oz. Btls.	\$11.99
Strohs Light 24 - 12 Oz. Cans	\$11.59
Coors Extra Gold 2/12 Pk., 12 Oz. Btls.	\$11.99
O'Keefe Canadian Beer 24 - 12 Oz. Btls.	\$13.49
Sharps Non Alcoholic Beer 24 - 7 Oz. Btls.	\$7.99
Miller Beer 24 - 7 Oz. Btls.	\$9.89
Beck Beer 24 - 12 Oz. Btls.	\$17.49
Miller Genuine Draft Light 24 - 12 Oz. Btls.	\$11.49

SCOTCH - CANADIAN - BLENDS

Canadian Mist 1.75 Ltr.	\$12.99
Black Velvet 1.75 Ltr.	\$13.99
Fleishmann's Preferred 1.75 Ltr.	\$12.49
Less \$3.00 Mail-In Rebate	Final Cost \$9.49
Seagrams V.O. 1.75 Ltr.	\$15.99
Cluny Scotch 1.75 Ltr.	\$14.99
McGregors Perfection Scotch 1.75 Ltr.	\$16.99
Glenlivet 750 ML	\$17.99

RUM & TEQUILA

Poland Springs Tequila 1 Ltr.	\$7.99
Poland Springs Rum 1 Ltr.	\$7.99
Bacardi Silver & Amber Rum 1.75 Ltr.	\$15.99
Ron Roberto Rum 1.75 Ltr.	\$10.99

CORDIALS

Amaretto E Dolce 1 Ltr.	\$7.99
Piccala Coffee Liqueur 1 Ltr.	\$8.99
Grand Marnier 750 ML	\$21.99
Baileys Irish Cream 750 ML	\$14.99
Frangelico 750 ML	\$14.99
Allens Cordials 1 Ltr.	\$4.49
Haagen-Dazs Peach Cream Liqueur 750 ML	\$4.99
Dekuyper Peach Tree Schnapps 1 Ltr.	\$7.89
Dekuyper Blueberry Schnapps 1.75 Ltr.	\$7.99
Dekuyper Pear Schnapps 1.75 Ltr.	\$4.99
Amaretto Di Saronna 750 ML	\$13.49
B & B Liqueur 750 ML	\$19.99

VODKA & GIN

Smirnoff Vodka 80 Proof, 1.75 Ltr.	\$13.99
Stolichnaya Vodka 1.75 Ltr.	\$19.99
Less \$3.00 Mail-In Rebate	Final Cost \$16.99
Poland Springs Vodka 1 Ltr.	\$5.99
Seagrams Gin 1.75 Ltr.	\$13.99
Beefeater Gin 1.75 Ltr.	\$22.99
Bombay Gin 1.75 Ltr.	\$23.99
Burnett's Gin 1.75 Ltr.	\$12.99



MISC.

Pepsi Cola 24 - 12 Oz. Cans	\$5.99
7-Up 2 Ltr.	.99¢

BOURBON - BRANDY - COGNAC

Remy Martin VSOP 750 ML	\$27.99
Martell V.S. 750 ML	\$16.99
Rothchild Brandy 1 Ltr.	\$9.99
Old Granddad 86 Proof Bourbon	\$20.99
Early Times 1.75 Ltr.	\$13.99

SPARKLING WINES

Martini & Rossi Asti Spumante 750 ML	\$7.99
Tosti Asti Spumante 750 ML	\$6.49
Freixenet Cordon Negro Brut 750 ML	\$6.99
Beaulieu Vineyards Brut 750 ML	\$10.99
Cooks Extra Dry & Brut 750 ML	\$3.99
Moet & Chandon White Star Champagne 750 ML	\$17.99
Chateau Normandy Non-Alcoholic Sparkling Wine From France - 750 ML	\$3.99

WINES

Inglonook White Zinfandel 3 Ltr.	\$7.99
Almaden Wines 3 Ltr.	\$6.49
Less \$1.00 Mail-In Rebate	Final Cost \$5.49
Swan Cellars Chardonnay 750 ML	\$3.99
Goose Cross Chardonnay 750 ML	\$10.99
Gallo White Zinfandel 1.5 Ltr.	\$5.99
Oak Valley Cabernet Sauvignon - 750 ML	\$3.29
Mondavi Woodbridge Sauvignon Blanc 750 ML	\$3.99
Oak Valley White Zinfandel 750 ML	\$3.29
Mondavi Woodbridge White Zinfandel 750 ML	\$3.99
Lancers Wines 1.5 Ltr.	\$6.99